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MEETINGS.

Attention, Sir Knights.
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By order of E. C.
J. O. DICKERSON, Recorder.

WASHINGTON.

The San Domingans Not So Anxious for Annexation.

Universal Amnesty to be One of the Strong Points of the Message.

The President Declines Military Interference in the Louisiana Difficulty.

The Alabama Political Arrests Condemned by the Administration.

The Chicago Relief Fund for Boston.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SAN DOMINGO.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—Judge Sullivan, who has important interests in San Domingo, arrived here a few days ago from that island. He has had an interview with the President, whereat he communicated some facts connected with San Domingo, and its proposed annexation to the United States. It appears from the statement, of Judge Sullivan, that the people of San Domingo are affronted at the invidious allusions made to them in the newspapers of the United States, and during the debate in the Senate on the San Domingo Treaty. They think that, altogether, they have been badly treated, and they are not quite so anxious for annexation as they were a year ago. Notwithstanding all that has been said about them, President Baez, the Judge says, has the majority of the people of San Domingo with him, and they naturally resented the unfriendly allusions made to him by Senator Sumner and others.

Baez says if the people of the United States are not anxious for the annexation of San Domingo, his people will not force the matter. He believes in the sincerity of President Grant, and, since the late election, he thinks the majority of the people of the United States are with the President.

Judge Sullivan says the crops in San Domingo have been universally good this year. The Island is altogether prosperous, and the people are correspondingly independent. In addition to this, the governments of foreign governments, more especially the agents of the German Confederation, has been actively at work to dissuade the Government and people against annexation to the United States.

The Haytiens, too, have their emissaries in San Domingo, all working against annexation. Notwithstanding all this, Judge Sullivan is of the opinion that there will be no trouble, if our Government shows a disposition to act in good faith. A new treaty will have to be made, and the Dominicans will insist on more liberal terms than were offered in the original treaty. One of the points made by the agents of the European Governments is, that the original treaty conceded entirely too much to the United States, and with this the Dominicans have become tolerably impressed. At the same time, Baez is still anxious for annexation, and will use his influence in favor of it. As already stated in these despatches, the question will be brought before Congress at the present session.

PROTECTION TO IMMIGRANTS.

The President in his annual message will devote special attention to the question of a better protection to immigrants. The Treasury Department long since made the discovery that the laws relating to this subject were insufficient, and a report from this Department, together with a bill to regulate the matters complained of, was laid before the last Congress. The bill has been most carefully considered, and is solely designed to secure good treatment and good food to emigrants on board of ships, and safe, cheap, and speedy transportation on railways. The bill failed only because of the press of business last session and the prominence given to matters of a political nature.

RELIEF FOR BOSTON.

A part of the Chicago donation to Boston, just after the late fire, consisted of an unexpended balance of about $30,000 remaining in the hands of the District of Columbia authorities, under the $100,000 voted at the last session of the Legislature here for the Chicago Relief Fund. Mr. Hammond, of Chicago, came on here, a few days since, to look after the payment of the money, in order that it might be paid at once to the Boston sufferers. While here, it was stated that the bonds which were voted to raise this money had been negotiated and the proceeds used for other purposes, by some of the parties to whose trust they had been confided. On the other hand, the following statement of the situation is given: That Mr. Hammond's authorization to collect this fund was not recognized, the only authority in this instance being an official requisition from Mayor Medill for the turning over of the funds as above designated. It is stated that whenever this requisition is made the money will be immediately forthcoming. There are some members of the Local Relief Committee who hold that Chicago has not the right to designate that use shall be made of this money, after that city has concluded she has no necessity for it. There are severe local differences in this Committee, which make some of the statements purely partisan.

REVENUE MATTERS—AN ORIGINAL IDEA.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue will submit to Congress an important proposition, which is understood to have originated in his own mind, by which the difficulties anticipated by the Department on account of the reduction of the number of revenue Collectors and Assessors by the first of January next is expected to be at least partially overcome. The suggestion is to abolish entirely the office of Assessor and Assistant Assessor, and appoint in their stead a Deputy Collector and a stated number of Assistant Deputy Collectors to each Collector remaining after the already ordered reduction. By this means it is calculated a saving to the Government of something in the neighborhood of $5,000,000 per year in salaries, office rents, etc., alone would accrue, and, in a measure, the necessity of apparently discriminating against some parties in the reduction as now intended could be avoided; besides, it is claimed that the revenue will be more effectually collected than now. This, to say the least, is a commendable plan, and has the advantage of the promised support of several prominent members of Congress. If the suggestion should be so complete in its details as your correspondent is led to believe, Commissioner Douglass will doubtless receive due credit for its organization.

TEARING UP A RAILROAD.

Last night, a large body of men, protected by an armed squad of police, tore up the track of the Orange & Alexandria Railroad along Maryland avenue and First street, fronting the Capitol, whereby that road connected with the Baltimore & Ohio. The Vice President of the Board of Public Works, under whose order this was done, claims that he acted after consultation with General Babcock, Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds, and that it was necessary in order that their comprehensive plans of improvement could be carried out. He also claims that he had notified the road to remove the track, but they had neglected to do so. The railway officers say that they were, by the act of May 8, 1872, authorizing the extension of the Capitol grounds, allowed to relay their track on these streets until Congress should mature a plan for its removal, which will not prejudice their rights. The 19th section of that act provides that a Commission, consisting of the Secretary of the Interior, the Chief Engineer of the Army, and the officer in charge of the Public Buildings and Grounds, is hereby authorized and directed to report to Congress, prior to the second Monday of December next, a plan by which the locomotive railroad tracks in front of the western entrance of the Capitol shall be removed, with due regard to the rights of all parties concerned. It is said that over 700 tons of freight in transit South will be delayed for several weeks by the tearing up of the railroad track, and that great damage will be suffered by both consignors and consignees.

[By the Associated Press.]

TREASURY ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, the practice of transmitting transfer checks in redemption of old defaced and mutilated currency in sums of five dollars and upward, and legal-tender notes in sums of fifty dollars and upward, forwarded by express to the Treasurer of the United States, will be discontinued Dec. 1872. Thereafter, the returns for such remittances will be made in all case by express at the expense of the Department, in new legal-tender notes or fractional currency in such denominations as the owners may request. When no request is made returns will be made in currency of the same kind as that received.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

The Collector of the First Georgia District has been ordered to make a reinvestigation of the case against the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company of Augusta. The case is similar to those recently settled against the Central and other railroads of Georgia.

A majority of the Committee on

APPROPRIATIONS

held a meeting at the Capitol to-day, and remained in session two hours. The business was principally confined to questions preliminary to entering upon the duties before them.

APPOINTED.

The President, to-day, appointed Mrs. Elizabeth Porter to be Postmaster at Russellville, Ky., *vice* Elias Porter, deceased.

LITIGATION.

The arbitration in the case of the alleged Indian pension frauds, by Judge Wright, does not bar civil suits, which, it is understood, will soon be commenced.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

There is reliable authority here for the statement that the expedition of Henderson, the *Herald* correspondent, to the camp of the Cuban insurgents is undertaken with the full consent of the Spanish authorities, for the purpose which may not now be revealed.

PRESIDENTIAL SALARY.

An attempt will be made to secure a law increasing the salary of the President to $100,000 before March 4.

PENSIONS.

The estimate of the Commissioner of Pensions for the pension service of the next fiscal year is $30,480,000.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The *Times'* Washington despatch says: "There are indications of a sharp attack in Congress on the new Civil Service appointment machinery," and adds: "The election has rendered the friends of the measure stronger than ever, and they have an advantage of an appeal to the platform on which the party triumphed."

Peter Cooper has addressed a congratulatory letter to President Grant, and asks for the enforcement of the Civil-Service rules.

SENATOR TRUMBULL.

Senator Trumbull has written a letter declining to continue as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, will probably succeed him.

UNIVERSAL AMNESTY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—A special to the *Evening Post* says:

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—There is good reason for believing that the President will, in his forthcoming message, recommend Congress to complete the work of amnesty, by making it universal, and by restoring those to citizenship who are now excluded by the Third Section of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution. Such a course has been urged upon the President by several members of the Cabinet, and one of them is authority for saying that he has decided to do so.

THE LOUISIANA IMBROGLIO.

A United States Marshal at New Orleans made application to the President, by telegraph, on Saturday last, for troops to aid him in arresting certain persons who were conspiring against the elections, and who manifested a disposition to resist the Federal authorities. The President promptly refused to comply with this request, deeming such action entirely unnecessary, especially when there was no information showing that the civil authorities were powerless to execute the laws, and punish those who attempt to violate them.

GENERALLY CONDEMNED.

The action of the United States Marshal in Alabama, in arresting the Democratic members of the Legislature for alleged violation of the Election laws, and carrying them to Mobile to prevent a quorum of the Legislature, is severely condemned here by the Administration as unwise, unnecessary, and, perhaps, illegal. If the account of the affair, as telegraphed North, is correct, the Marshal who made the arrests will receive a severe reprimand, if not the immediate removal or being dismissed from office. Such is the expressed view of Attorney General Williams.

CHEAPER FREIGHTS.

Movement Looking Toward Building a Ship Canal from the Atlantic to the Mississippi, Below the Great Lime.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 19.—Governor Smith, of Georgia, has extended an invitation to the Governors of Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, and other States, to meet in Atlanta, at a day yet to be fixed, to consider the project of a ship canal, below the "frost line," from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River. A recent survey has been made by the War Department, and a line has been established which can be constructed at a comparatively very small cost. The line thus surveyed follows the rivers to Guntersville, Ala. Thence to the Coosa River, a distance not exceeding thirty miles, a canal can be constructed without difficulty, thus opening navigation to Rome, Georgia. From Rome the route ascends the Etowah, to a point near the Chattahoochee, where these rivers can be connected by canal with the Cumulgee, whence there is direct and uninterrupted navigation to the Atlantic Ocean.

The engineer of the survey says this line can be constructed much cheaper, because four-fifths of it is by river, and it is 300 miles shorter than any other. It will have abundance of water in summer, and will be clear of ice in winter. A ton of freight can be transported from St. Louis to the Atlantic Ocean for $4.85.

A number of the Governor s have signified their intention to be present. The scheme, it is represented, will receive the aid of the Government. A bill for the purpose was introduced at the last session of Congress, and referred to the Committee on Commerce in the House, where it was favorably considered.

THE WEATHER.

War Department Prognostications—Reports from Various Points.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, DIVISION OF TELEGRAMS AND REPORTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—Probabilities—Over the Northwest and upper lakes and thence to the Ohio Valley, northerly to westerly winds, occasional snow, cold, partly cloudy and clearing weather. In the Gulf States, falling barometer, wind becoming westerly to northerly, colder and cloudy weather, and light rain. In the South Atlantic States, southwesterly winds, veering to-morrow to northwesterly, with partly cloudy weather. On the lower lakes, and thence over the Middle and Eastern States, southwesterly to northwesterly winds, cloudy weather, and occasional belts of snow and rain.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 19.—Another snowstorm is visiting this locality to-day.

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 19.—The weather still continues cold.

Odd Fellows

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. Nov. 19.—The Grand Encampment of Indiana I. O. O. F. met in this city to-day in regular Annual Convention. The reports of the Grand Officers show this branch of the order in the most encouraging condition. Past Grand Representative Schuyler Colfax was present, and addressed the Grand Encampment in a short speech, in which he referred to the rapid growth of the order in Indiana since he became a member of the Grand Encampment, and the twenty-five years ago. The Grand Lodge of the same order will convene to-morrow morning.

South Carolina Finances.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—A despatch from Charleston says: Judge Melton has enjoined the collection of the State tax levy of twelve mills ordered by Comptroller General Neagle, on the ground of its not being authorized by the Legislature.

Ocean Marine News.

QUEENSTOWN, Oct. 19.—The steamships Spain and Parthia, from New York, arrived at Movilla. Steamship California, from New York, arrived.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Arrived—Steamship Moni Cenis, from London, and steamer Ville de Paris, from Havre.

POLITICAL.

The Senatorial Questions in Illinois and South Carolina.

The Dead-Lock in the Alabama Legislature---No Quorum.

The Louisiana Imbroglio in the Courts

THE SENATORIAL QUESTION AT SPRINGFIELD.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 19.—The Hon. J. A. Powell, member of the Legislature from Richland County, has been in the city several days, watching developments in the Senatorial contest. He is a candidate for the Pension Agency of Southern Illinois, to be vacated in a short time by the resignation of Mr. Martin, who has been elected to Congress. He says he is for Oglesby, but speaks tenderly of Mr. Washburne, and is polite to Cullom. He told your correspondent that he was in Chicago on Thursday and Friday last, and was certain that Washburne is in the field. He came back and advised Oglesby to put in his best licks, if he wanted to win. Powell helped Logan against Oglesby, and thinks that Oglesby can beat Washburne, but that Washburne is a fine man. Oglesby's friends are satisfied that Washburne will run, and that they will clean him out, while the Washburne people expect to perform the same feat on Oglesby. Washburne is the subject of general conversation. His friends say that he will bring into the fight a large amount of strength. They state that his claims are not without foundation; that he was the first candidate nominated on the Republican platform in the State; that his Republicanism is as old and as pure as any other man's; that in Congress he was the watch-dog of the Treasury; that because he served his country with distinguished ability abroad, is no reason his services should be lost to the State forever; that if he does not get to the Senate now he never will; that the future is uncertain, and none can tell what changes four years will make in the political complexion of the Legislature; that, if he exiles himself again for that period, he will, to some extent, lose his identity with the State, and other men will grow up and displace him.

The Oglesby men, on the other hand, contend that Washburne has a nice thing, which ought to satisfy his ambition; that he is used to it, and, understanding the ropes, can continue to reflect credit upon his country and himself; that, if he desires to remain at home, he should take the Secretaryship of State, where they would all love to see him, especially as Illinois, according to their thinking, is entitled to a seat in the Cabinet. They expect that, after taking a patient and calm review of the situation, he will think with them. By a typographical error in yesterday's despatch it was made to say that A. Washburn had been in this city. He has not been here in person.

Oglesby's adherents still talk of "honest Dick" in the warmest strain, as they did when he was running against Logan. There was then, as there is now, a general admiration for him, and a hope that he would get the place, but while his supporters are reposing in blind confidence on the prevalent and widespread good feeling toward him, Logan shrewdly went to work and captured the members. Jacob Bunn, who is one of his friends, remarked to-day that he was weak in not having his votes already engaged and counted, and was almost sorry for the chivalrous pride that prevented Oglesby from making a sure thing of it. Some of Oglesby's opponents argue that he is ineligible, because the fifth section of the fifth article of the new Constitution provides that neither the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Auditor, Secretary of State, nor Attorney General shall be eligible for any other office during the period for which he was elected. There is nothing in this, as the United States Senate decided in the case of Trumbull, when Douglas brought the question up, that the Senate was the Judge of the qualifications of its members; and, anyway, the Constitution of the United States cannot be limited by the State Constitution. To be sure there may be conscientious scruples in the minds of the members, who must take an oath to support the Constitution of the State, against voting to violate the provision which prohibits the Governor from taking any other office. In that case Oglesby, it is said, would decline to qualify for Governor, and take the chances for the Senatorship.

Beveridge would then go in immediately.

Cullom, it is understood, places great reliance in the young men, believing they will be with him against the old stagers, and there is an impression that he is doing more actual work than either Oglesby or Washburne. Beveridge's friends are doing all they can for Oglesby to promote him. They hold that his temperance antecedents will not create an opposition powerful enough to prevent him from being Governor; that he can with the understanding that he was to be Governor, and that it would be a shame not to send Oglesby to the Senate. They believed the German strength, even if exerted, will be impotent to hurt him, or to indirectly help Washburne.

Federal officials and candidates for places under the Administration patronage have a gingerly regard for all the candidates, and as they "cannot yet discern the rising sun, postpone for a season the unshipping of August."

INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SENATE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 19.—A resolution was adopted inviting Vice President Colfax to a seat on the floor of the Senate during his sojourn in this city.

The Auditor of State was requested to lay before the Senate, as soon as practicable, so much of the annual report as relates to the subject of the State printing.

A Committee was appointed on mileage accounts of Senators.

The Judicial Committee was authorized to employ a clerk and janitor.

The following bills were introduced: To repeal the fee and salary act, and to revise the acts repealed thereby. To invest widows who marry with the right to hold and use real estate acquired by a previous marriage. To authorize the unfinished work of any previous regular or special session of the Legislature to be disposed of at the next succeeding regular or special session, as it might have been if originating therein. To condemn the square adjoining the present State House lot, on the north, to obtain a suitable site for a new State House; to reorganize the Supreme Court, and divide the State into five districts, and to fix the salaries of the five Judges at $5,000 each. To amend the rules in criminal actions, so that the following persons can testify: Persons who are competent to testify in Court actions; the party injured, accomplices; when they consent to testify, and the defendant on his own behalf; to amend city act in reference to the duties of Mayor, Judges, and Marshals; to repeal the Bastardy act, and provide a new one; to give receiver and receivers of roads $2 per day; to legalize the payment of $5,000 house rent to Governors since the death of Calvin Fletcher, one of the Trustees for the sale of the Governor's house and lot; to provide that the fee for liquor license be turned over to the township in which they are granted for school purposes, and a bill to provide for the drainage of lands, introduced by Senator Beardsley.

Vice President Colfax, attended by a Committee appointed for that purpose, was introduced to the Senate. He responded in a few happy remarks, stating that thirty years ago he had sat in the Senate Hall as a reporter of the *Journal*, and he had then learned parliamentary usages and laws which had been of great service to him in after life. He stated that, in 1843, an ex-Governor remarked that from here would diverge a railroad system which he compared to the spokes which contend in the hub of a wheel. A prophecy which was then ridiculed has become a verity. He closed by alluding to the lessons for Legislatures that would be found in the Old and New Testaments, which, if followed by those who heard him, would be the guide for wise and useful legislation.

HOUSE.

A resolution was adopted calling upon the Governor for the information in his possession in regard to the suit of John W. Garrett for recovery upon the internal improvement bonds held by him.

The following bills were introduced: To exempt two months wages and salary from garnishment and salary attachment; to abolish the office of Agent of State; to amend the Liquor laws; three bills to divide the State into Congressional Districts; to enable husbands and wives to be witnesses in civil cases; to amend the Divorce laws; three bills, to provide that the unfinished business of one session be completed by the succeeding session—read twice, under a suspension of the rules; to provide depositories of the public funds of the State in the several counties; to fix the salary of Governor at $8,000; Supreme Judges at $5,000; Circuit Judges at $3,000, and Common Pleas at $2,500; to make the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace coextensive with their counties; to make interest upon judgments the same as contract; to let the public printing to the lowest bidder; to repeal the Fish law; to authorize the Board of Trustees of any Town to appoint a Town Attorney; to appropriate $75,000 for the expenses of this session of the Legislature, which was passed under a suspension of the rules; to appropriate $30,000 to the State University, and to repeal the act providing for county and township aid to railroads.

A resolution was adopted requesting the Judiciary Committee to prepare a drainage law.

On motion, the allowance to members for stationery and stamps was raised from $25 to $50.

In pursuance of a resolution, Vice President Colfax appeared, and was formally introduced to the House. He made no formal response.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATORIAL QUESTION.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—Private assurances here from South Carolina as to the contest for the United States Senatorship in that State, are to the effect that the matter is as yet an open one. The only thing certain is that Senator Sawyer will not be his own successor. The fight really lies between Governor Scott and the negro Congressman Elliott. The latter has only his color to recommend him, while Scott has money and the influence of a strong financial ring. It is pretty clearly indicated that Scott will be the successful candidate.

THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

BOSTON, Nov. 19.—The special session of the Massachusetts Legislature, called in consequence of the Boston fire, convened to-day. The Governor's message is brief. He expresses a hope that legislation will be confined to matters growing out of the recent calamity, and suggests as topics for echsideration the proposed loan to parties wishing to rebuild; the re-chartering of insurance companies; the amendment of the Betterment act and the Building laws, and the payment of the soldiers called out to guard the city.

His suggestions are generally in harmony with the recommendations of the Citizens' Committee and of the city government.

BOSTON, Nov. 19.—The first day's session of the Legislature has been mainly occupied in receiving petitions for amendments to insurance charters and the appointment of committees. The Old South Society applied for leave to sell or lease its church property. The City of Boston applied for leave to issue bonds; also, for a law regarding the erection of buildings. Leave was asked to introduce a bill to incorporate William Gray, Otis Norcross, William Claflin, George O. Richards, and others, as the Boston Merchants' Exchange, with leave to hold $2,000,000 in real estate. An order was adopted to consider the expediency of providing for the better protection of parties believing themselves insured.

NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 19.—The General Assembly of North Carolina completed its organization to-day. Hon. J. T. Morehead was elected Speaker of the Senate, as Captain Jesse Bynum was of the House. All the officers of both Houses are Conservatives.

The Governor's message was sent to the House to-day, but was not read, as both houses were in joint session comparing the vote for Governor and State officers. The Governor's message will be read to-morrow.

A Joint Democratic caucus is in session to-night. But little interest is taken in the contest for the United States Senatorship. The coming man is unknown.

THE LOUISIANA IMBROGLIO.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 19.—In the United States District Court, the case of Kellogg *vs.* Warmoth *et al.* was continued until Friday upon the affidavit of Mr. Kellogg, stating in effect that Governor Warmoth and his Returning Board disregard the injunction of the Court in this city. A motion was granted requiring to show cause on Friday why they should not be punished for contempt.

The case of Herron *vs.* Wharton *et al.*, before the Eighth District Court, is progressing. The affidavits in this case are numerous and contradictory.

KENTUCKY RETURNS.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 19.—Official returns of the election from all but twelve counties in the State give Greeley 96,887; Grant, 94,515, and O'Connor, 1,135 votes. Greeley's total majority, 4,717.

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PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

The Galaxy for November.

The Wetherell Affair---French Scenes, Customs, and Characters.

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In the *Galaxy* for December, J. W. De Forest, the author of "Kate Beaumont," begins "The Wetherell Affair," a new serial story. Mr. De Forest's vivacious manner, his familiarity with the machinery of novel-making, and an insight into the development of events, if not into the inner workings of human nature, added to close study of American society, make his stories very readable. Edward Wetherell, "the New York dandy, and man about town," makes his appearance on the promenade-deck of the steamer Elm City, bound from New York to New Haven. Nestoria, the daughter of a Persian missionary, is there, too; and an acquaintance begins, which will grow into something serious, if the reviewer may be accepted as any judge of such things.

J. Durand writes of "French Scenes, Customs, and Characters." One of them would bear imitation:

Five years ago I happened to be again on French soil, and this time in the City of Paris. Looking over the *Gazette des Tribunaux*, while taking my breakfast, one morning in a cafe, my eye encountered the following verdicts:

Number one was the condemnation of a dealer in milk to 50 francs fine for adulterating milk with water, together with the cost of printing and posting twenty notices of the sentence in the vicinity of the place where the milk had been sold.

Number two was a similar penalty for the same offence against a woman known as "Mother Eve" (*Femme Eve*), and by profession a nurse.

Number three was the same penalty on another of the same sex, with the addition of six days' imprisonment, because she had put a good deal of water into her milk.

Several others followed against women and men for adulterating wine with water,—the retailers being obliged to pay fines of 50 francs, and wholesale dealers fines of 1,000 francs.

Many offenders were sentenced for dealing in corrupt meat and fish; one, for selling crabs in a state of decomposition, to forty-eight hours in prison; several living for the country to the like imprisonment, for sending to market the flesh of animals dying a natural death; others for selling *counterfeit* goods,—one being imprisoned a month for disposing of false coral for real, and another, a grocer, for selling by false weight.

To test the integrity of these verdicts, I went to one of the shops indicated, in which adulterated milk had been sold, and found that, in spite of legal penalty and posting, and, necessarily, the business of the proprietor destroyed.

"Life on the Plains" is by General G. A. Custar, and describes the campaign with the Indians on the frontier in 1868.

Canon Kingsley, who is said to have introduced a large imaginative element into his lectures while Professor of History at Cambridge, has recently abandoned historic studies, on the ground that he had become more and more convinced of the impossibility of ascertaining the truth with regard to any historic event. There is less incongruity, if this be true, in the opposite characters in which J. W. DeForest appears in this number of the *Galaxy*, as a novelist and historian. In the article entitled "The Growth of Giant Pope," he portrays the rise of the Pontifical power, from the arrival of the Apostle Paul in Rome A. D. 61, to the assumption in 642 by Theodore I. of the title of Pontifex Maximus.

Romeo and Juliet; Petrarch and Laura; Gilbert a' Becket (father of Thomas a' Becket) and the Saracen maiden Thaura; Agnes Sorel, mistress of Charles VII.; Isabella of Albret and the Countess of Albany; Mirabeau, said to resemble "a tiger who has had the small-pox;" John Wilkes, another homely man, who needed half an hour to talk away his face; and Goethe, are the "Historic Lovers" of whom Junius Henri Browne reveals the amatory pangs.

One of the most sacred articles in the *Galaxy*, is "Some Great English Lawyers," by Justin McCarthy, the Prince of magazine-writers. The end of legal ambition in England is a seat on the Bench. To this, the shortest way lies through the door of the House of Commons:

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On Sunday, the 13th of July, the President invited Mr. Seward and myself to accompany him in his carriage to the funeral of an infant child of Secretary Stanton. At that time Mr. Stanton occupied for a summer residence the house of a naval officer, some two or three miles west or northwest of Georgetown. It was on this occasion and this ride that he first mentioned to Mr. Seward and myself that he had about come to the conclusion that, if the rebels persisted in their war upon the Government, it would be a necessity and duty on our part to liberate their slaves. He was convinced, he said, that we could not carry on a successful war by longer pursuing a temporizing and forbearing policy toward those who disregarded law and Constitution, and were striving by every means to break up the Union. Decisive and extreme measures must be adopted. His reluctance to this step with this question, around which there were thrown constitutional safeguards, and on which the whole Southern mind was sensitive, was great. He had tried various expedients to escape issuing an Executive order emancipating the slaves, the last and only alternative, but it was forced upon him by the obstinacy of rebels. He saw no escape. Turn which way he would, this disturbing element which caused the war rose up against us, and it was an insuperable obstacle to peace. He had entertained hopes that the Border States, in view of what appeared to him inevitable if the war continued, would consent to some plan of prospective and compensated emancipation; but all his suggestions, some made as early as March, met with disfavor, although the proposition, if then existed and Congress was now about adjourning, and had done nothing final and conclusive,—perhaps could do nothing,—on this question. He had, since his return from the short session, called the members of Congress from the Border States together, and presented to them the difficulties which he encountered, hoping they would be persuaded in the generosity of their hearts to take the initiative step toward emancipation; but they hesitated, and, he apprehended, would do nothing. Attached, as most of them and a large majority of their constituents were, to the Union, and ready to labor and suffer if it would be unjust for the Government which they supported to compel them to abandon that system, while the States in flagrant rebellion retained their slaves and were using them to carry on a movement toward emancipation in the Border States while slavery was recognized and permitted in the Rebel States would, they believed, detach many from the Union. . . . The abstract fact, that the insurrection existed. There was, he presumed, some foundation for their apprehension. What had been done and what he had heard satisfied him that a change of policy in the conduct of the war was necessary, and that emancipation of the slaves in the Rebel States must precede that in the Border States. The blow must fall first and foremost on them. Slavery was doomed. This was brought upon the country by its own owners, who would relinquish slavery, but the Border States could not be induced to lead in that measure. They would not consent to be convinced or persuaded to take the first step. Forced emancipation in the States which continued in rebellion and the Government would of course be followed by voluntary emancipation in the loyal States, with the aid we might give them. Further efforts with the Border States were useless. . . . Providence, he said, was not the road to lead us out of this difficulty. We must take a different path. We wanted the army to strike more vigorous blows. The Administration must set a strong example, and strike at the heart of the Rebellion. The country, he thought, would be prepared for it. The army would be with us. War had removed constitutional obligations and restrictions with which the declared Rebel could not be protected as to return the fugitives who escaped to us. This we could and must do with friends, but not with enemies. We invited all, bond and free, to desert those who were in flagrant war upon the Union and come to us; and, uniting with us, must be made free from Rebel authorities and Rebel masters.

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—Volk is ordered to produce a life-sized statue of Governor John Wood, the founder of the City of Quincy.

ANOTHER AGUE-CURE.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

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distant, to borrow some soft soap, having
er three children, two boys aged three
and a girl two years old—in the bed.
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etting the soft soap, she started for home,
eaching Mrs. Ham's door she discovered
bursting from the sides of her cabin, and
ed to Mrs. Ham that her house was on
Mrs. Ham ran with all possible
and Mrs. Parsons rushed at the
and opened it, when a vol-
of smoke and flame burst in her face,
ensed her to fall. She rose and again
pted to go in, but the whole interior of the
was in a blaze. Mrs. Ham raised the
, and Mr. Murison and son, and Mr. Ham,
ere working in a field about 120 rods off,
her, saw the shanty on fire, and ran to as-
, but when they reached the cabin, the
as bursting out of all the crevices of the
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ould do nothing. So soon as the building
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them in the bed. The cabin was a single
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ed that the fire was caused by cinders
ing through the cracks in the cooking
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A REMARKABLE EXPEDITION.

ans to Circumnavigate the Globe.

expedition about to be despatched by the s Admiralty, to undertake a scientific in- vestigation of the globy is described at great th by *Nature*. The vessel set apart for this me is the corvette *Challenger*, of 2,306 tons e the command of G. S. Nares, R. N., wal- wn as the author of a valuable work on sea- ship, who has seen a great deal of active ser- formerly in Arctic exploration, and latterly e Suez survey, which has now been so long to be familiar to all readers of the Times. expedition. On the scientific staff are Pro- ssor Wyville Thompson, F. R. S., as Director; Buchanan, of Edinburgh University, mist; H. N. Moseley, of Oxford, ogist; Dr. Van Willemoes Suhm of rich, naturalist; John Murray, of Edinburgh versity, Naturalist. The three naturalists charge respectively of the invertebrata, ebrates, and botany. Professor Thom- ormerly in charge of the general zoologi- work. A photographer is also assigned to e. The whole expedition is under the imme- direction of the hydrographic department he Admiralty, and the ship is fitted out with significent collection of scientific apparatus. he Challenger will sail from Portsmouth for altar, the first haul of the dredge being e in the Bay of Biscay, if the weather would not be favorable. From Gibraltar she proceed to Madeira, thence to St. Thomas, Bahamas, Bermuda, the Azores; from those thia, touching at Fernando Noronha; then s to the Cape of Good Hope, and a stay in that neighborhood, ward to the Crozetts and Kerguelen's Island. A re- ward will then be made as far as possible the course thence be made to ey. New Zealand, the Campbell and Auck- groups, Torres Straits, New Guinea, and Ireland will then be visited. A long cruise perhaps a year will then be made among the fic Islands; thence the expedition passes ween Borneo and Celebes, and visiting Japan its neighborhood; will proceed to Japan re a stay of two or three months is expected. e north ward to Kamschatka, whence a run be made northward through Behring's ts, and then through the Aleutian Islands, ward to Vancouver's Island, and so through deep eastern region of the Pacific by Easter d, and possibly by the Galapagos Archipel- to the Horn, and thence home. The voyage pected to take about three and a half years. is difficult (says the *Times*) to over-esti- the immense benefit which science must ve from an expedition such as this. Apart the results of intense interest which may xpected from the deep-sea work, the princi- object of the expedition, and which must go to elucidate a subject on which our knowl- is at present of the most imperfect descrip- abundant opportunity will exist for the ac- investigation of the animal and vegetable of many highly interesting and yet imper- known or totally unexplored regions. investigation of the floras of such islands ernando Noronha and the Marion and Cro groups cannot fail to yield most instructive ults; and it is needless to speak of the in- ble interest which centres in New Guinea.

PERSONAL.

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Alex. H. Stephens now owns and runs its ants Sun alone.
Governor Hadley, of Arkansas, has pro- Leaving Clayton to count the votes.
Congressman Averill, of St. Paul, will be ined at home by his broken leg.
W. S. Blanchard is the name of the gentle- who made up the excellent despatches sent from Boston, by the Associated Press, on night of the great fire.
—Speaker Blanchet, of the Quebec Legisla- e, has dismissed a number of Sessional Clerks interfering in elections. This may do it, but it would never do here. Just think dismissing all the Department Clerks after upon us.
—Jo. Monte, two years ago employed at the oming Hotel, Omaha, has lately sold out a st in a mine in Utah for $50,000, and goes to ney.
—The election of W. F. Cody, *alias* Buffalo to the Nebraska Legislature, will be con- ed by his opponent, D. P. Ashburn.
—Charles D. Robinson, of the Green Bay *Ad- ate*, is President of the Board of Trustees for new Insane Asylum at Oshkosh; for which Superintendent is yet to be selected.
—James B. Board, of Council Bluffs, is Treas- r and agent of the Texas & Pacific Railroad at reveport, Louisiana, and Frank E. Lawrence ddressing agent of the same road at St. Louis.
—Jesse C. Fox, a member of the Illinois Con- stitutional Convention, 1869-70, and since a re- ident of Nebraska, died at Plattsmouth, 14th.
—Colonel John W. Crockett, a Kentucky Re- presentative in the Confederate Congress, died at Hendersonville, Ky., last week.
—Judge William C. Dunlap, a Tennessee Re- ublican of Congress, 1853-57, died, the 16th, at the residence of David Greer, in the suburbs of Memphis.
—The President has appointed William Pe- k, of St. Louis, District Attorney, in place of Chester H. Krum, elected City Judge.
—The Iowa Code Commissioners, Hammond, Seavers, and Knight, are in Des Moines to complete their work, which the Legis- ature meets this winter specially to set upon.
—David Clark of Hartford, Vt., is the victim of a mistaken identity. It was not Mark Sewell, after all, who told him in March, 1861, that he didn't care a snap whether Hawley was elected Governor or not; but Marshall's brother Tiny. Over-confidence in his own memory has cost Mr. Clark the neat little sum of $7,000, which no doubt come very handy to a needy Hartford charity that is to pocket it.

MR. PERKINS SUSTAINED.

Decision in the State Insurance Company Case.

A Review of all the Testimony and Arguments.

Mr. N. C. Perkins, Assignee, Sustained.

Opinion of Judge Blodgett, of the United States Court.

The following decision was yesterday rendered by Judge Blodgett, of the United States Circuit Court in the suits brought to have N. C. Perkins removed from the position of Assignee of the State Insurance Company, a decision which has been long expected, and which, it will be seen, sustains Mr. Perkins in every particular:

THE DECISION.

On the 12th of July last, one Newton S. Taylor, a creditor of the bankrupt, filed his petition making various charges against N. C. Perkins, the Assignee, who had been elected by the creditors on the 12th of April previous, and asking the removal of Perkins from the office and functions of Assignee. On the 18th of July, John A. King, in behalf of the firm of Tolman & King, creditors of the bankrupt, filed a similar petition, and on the 24th of August last Robert W. Hale and a large number of other creditors of the bankrupt filed their petition to the same purport. On the 28th of August said John A. King filed an amended or supplemental petition upon the same matter. To these petitions Perkins has made answer, and voluminous proofs have been taken upon the various questions of *fact* raised by the petitions and answers. I have not time to comment at length upon the testimony in the proceedings, but after having carefully read and considered it, I must proceed to dispose of the issues raised. The charges against Mr. Perkins may be briefly stated as follows:

First. That he was acting in the interest of George C. Smith, C. M. Smith, J. Bradner Smith, and the National Loan & Trust Company, a private banking corporation of this city, who held nearly the entire funds and available assets of the bankrupt, their interest and action and control, and not in the interest of the general creditors of the bankrupt. That he was elected such Assignee by the votes of the said Smiths, upon claims held by them against the bankrupt for a large amount, and that he was thus unfaithful and unfaithful in his conduct as such assignee, to the interest of the general creditors.

Second. That since his election as such Assignee, Mr. Perkins has refused to give or furnish to creditors of the bankrupt correct information in regard to the extent and value of the assets of the bankrupt, and the probable amount of dividends which would be realized therefrom to the creditors.

Third. That he has made a fraudulent settlement, compromise, or transfer of a claim in favor of said bankrupt, against the Teutonia Insurance Company, said claim being upon a policy of re-insurance issued by the Teutonia Insurance Company of Fort Wayne, Ind., upon all the risks of the State Insurance Company outstanding at that time.

Fourth. That after said State Insurance Company became insolvent, and before it was adjudicated a bankrupt, said Perkins, knowing of such insolvency, had received payment in full of demand for $400 which he held against said company for professional services.

These, I think, state fairly the substance of the allegations against Mr. Perkins, upon which his removal is demanded.

By his answers Mr. Perkins denies all the imputations and charges of bad faith and want of diligence and fidelity in the performance of his duties, and gives his explanation of the manner in which he disposed of the claim against the Teutonia Insurance Company, and his reasons therefor, and also gives his explanation of the transactions upon which the charge of obtaining an undue preference is based.

As to the first charge, or group of charges, the established facts seem to be,—that for some months prior to the great fire in this city, on the 8th and 9th of October, 1871, the affairs of said State Insurance Company had been mainly under the management and control of H. A. Hurlbut, President, C. M. Smith, Vice President, and George C. Smith, Treasurer. These same persons were also the leading stockholders and officers of the National Loan and Trust Company, a private banking corporation of this city, and the deposits of said Insurance Company were kept with said Banking Company. That at the time of the occurrence of the fire of October, 1871, by which said Insurance Company was rendered insolvent, said Banking Company had in its hands cash and convertible bonds amounting to about three hundred and twelve thousand dollars ($312,000), and that all said assets were converted into money as early as the 1st of November, 1871. Soon after the fire said Banking Company purchased at fourteen to fifteen cents on the dollar certificates of adjusted losses by said Insurance Company, to the amount of about one hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars ($176,000) which were charged up to their face upon the books of the bank, against the indebtedness or deposit account due from the bank to the Insurance Company. There was also standing on the books of the bank an item of about $80,000 for money advanced before the fire, on account of the Insurance Company, for the purchase of certain stock of the Company, which had been bought in and cancelled, or bought for the purpose of cancelling. Soon after the fire certain sums were also paid out by the Company, by checks upon its funds in the bank, for salaries of H. A. Hurlbut, President, C. M. Smith, Vice President, and George C. Smith, Treasurer, amounting in all to about eleven or twelve thousand dollars.

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Therefore, the Assignee in this case seems to me fully justified in waiting a decision of those questions before beginning proceedings to recover the moneys in the hands of the bank. While the right of the Assignee to it was the subject of grave doubt among lawyers of ability, it was the same but the part of common prudence for him to await the decision of cases involving this disputed principle.

The evidence shows, further, that very soon after Judge Drummond's decision was announced, the Assignee waited on the bank officers, and demanded the money on deposit against which set-off had been claimed, and gave notice he should take steps to enforce payment if the right of set-off was longer insisted upon and his right of set-off disregarded.

At this time, George C. Smith, President of the bank, was in Europe, but was expected home soon, and the Assignee was asked to delay till his return, upon the promise or suggestion that a settlement could be then had. He was awaiting his return when the first petition was filed for the removal of the Assignee, followed in a few days by the petition of Mr. King to the same end.

So far, there seems to be no gross negligence in the prosecution of the claim of the bankrupt against the bank, and the officers of the Company. But the evidence also shows that among the assets turned over to the Assignee in May, by Mr. Hurlbut, was a large claim for re-insurance issued to the State, by the Teutonia Insurance Company of Cleveland. This Company had removed all the risks of the State outstanding, up to some time in February, 1871, and had also been made insolvent by losses in the Chicago fire, and its affairs were in the hands of a Receiver, under the Ohio law. By reason of some peculiar provisions of law, or a Court order, the time for proving claims against the Teutonia had nearly expired, and it was plainly the first duty of the Assignee of the State to attend to it, which he seems to have done with commendable promptness, and all the claims against the Teutonia were presented and allowed in time. This involved, as the evidence showed, a laborious collection and examination of proofs, which were widely scattered and complicated by the embarrassments surrounding the Teutonia and its affairs, and the fact that the policyholders of the State, whose risks had been reinsured by the Teutonia, had sent their proofs to the officers of the Teutonia, who returned them to the policy-holders who still held them, so it became necessary to hunt them up. It does not seem to me then that the charge of negligence and want of fidelity is made out by the proofs.

When the papers came into the hands of the Assignee, he seems to have set himself promptly at work about that which most required attention,—the Teutonia,—and was busy with it when the first petition was filed. He had also acted without delay after Judge Blodgett's opinion was given, and awaited only Mr. Smith's return to settle with the bank without litigation.

The evidence fails to show that there was any understanding or agreement, express or implied, between Mr. Perkins and either of the Smiths, or him and the bank, before his election, that he should in any way manage the affairs of the company in their interest, or that he was a party to the manipulations by which the set-off claims were concocted. Nor do I see in the testimony any evidence that after his election he acted in the interest of the Smiths, or under their control. The questions between him and them were purely legal ones. It was not necessary to a settlement that he should involve himself in a personal controversy, or denounce them with hard words.

The evidence does show that for some years he had, to some extent, been the legal adviser of the Smiths, in some of their business transactions, and to some extent, before the fire, acted for the Insurance Company. It also appears that at the time the creditors met to elect an Assignee, the Smiths and their friends had obtained a large majority of the claims then proven, and that their votes elected Mr. Perkins, most of the other creditors also voting for him. It is natural to suppose the Smiths, controlling the election, would put in some person in whom they had confidence. But this, standing alone, does not show that the Smiths did exercise any such overweening influence as to prevent him from making him forget his duties to all interested. The parties electing an Assignee must be presumed to know that, when once elected, he becomes the officer of the Court, and belongs to no set of creditors. His conduct is under the control of the Court, and creditors must be presumed to know it.

I now come to the second charge, that of refusing to give information in regard to the value of the assets of the bankrupt, and the probable value of various claims. This might be enough to dismiss this by saying that the proof wholly fails to establish it in any substantial particular. It is true, when asked by certain persons as to the value of their claims, that he did not know their value. But most, if not all, these interviews were before Judge Drummond's decision, and if that were decided against the Assignee, their claims were not worth much. While it is the duty of an Assignee to give creditors all the information he can, yet he is not bound to give them an opinion on doubtful questions of law or values. To withhold valuable information would be a gross malfeasance, yet it does not appear that he did so. When interrogated, the affairs of the company were in a most unpromising condition, and the Assignee had nothing to go by in imparting information. Again, to make a claim to the extent of about a million had been reinsured in the Teutonia, and the register describing them delivered to that Company. Until it was examined no one could state the claims against the bankrupt. It was an unknown quantity till adjudicated.

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HORSES AND HENS.

No Further Trouble Anticipated from the Epizootic.

The Report that the Hens and Turkeys Were Sick Contradicted.

The damp snow of yesterday occasioned some alarm lest its influence would be to perpetuate, in a more serious form, the epizootic, or increase the number of *purpura* cases. At noon, many business firms and owners of work-horses, doubted whether it was good judgment to allow their convalescing animals to be exposed to the melting snow, and thought seriously of again converting their barns into nurse-stables. But the result of these deliberations generally was, that it was better to run the risk of their animals suffering a relapse, than to cause a cessation of business by withdrawing them.

When THE TRIBUNE reporter called at the office of Superintendent Crain, of the South Side car line, he found that gentleman in consultation with his assistant as to whether they should keep their horses out or not. The reporter listened with close attention, not more because it was a matter of personal interest to himself than because he knew the result of the consultation would be a matter of interest to the readers of this paper. The pro and con. of the matter was considered, and the final decision was that the horses should be continued on the track till they showed signs of injury. Mr. Crain says he considers it a duty to run the cars of his line, and shall continue to do so till his horses exhibit signs of returning weakness.

The reports from New York that the horse disease had become a fowl disease, has, naturally, excited some alarm in this community, lest many a fat turkey, now being prepared for Thanksgiving or Christmas, be suddenly taken off by the epizootic. Indeed, it has been reported that various fowls, both wild and tame, have snuffed the noxious vapors, and have fallen prey to that monster of monsters—epizootic. To allay these alarms, a TRIBUNE reporter called at the various public coops of the city yesterday, and, to his infinite pleasure, found no chickens afflicted with the epizootic or purpura. Every roost was deserted, and every feed-trough emptied. There was not a bird with running nose, nor a single feathered biped whose limbs were swollen. Every bird of flight was on the wing, and, at the approach of the reporter for an interview, the air was darkened with full-stretched wings.

Fowl dealers speak with decided emphasis when denying the report that their stock is diseased, and ought not to be sold; and, indeed, in one case, offered to carve a raw hen, to demonstrate to the reporter that her meat was free from impurity. It is needless to say that the reporter was quite willing, indeed anxious, to believe the statement of the fowl dealer, unsustained by the dissection of his hen.

Neither has the *purpura* increased in the city among the horses. Even Dr. Branson acknowledged, yesterday, that his fears were in vain, and that *purpura* was decreasing, and had not been influenced by his opinion. But he said that yesterday would work disaster, he feared, among many animals, for the melting snow would have the same effect upon them as a rain. But Dr. Rauch says that, proper doss can be given from rain or shine, but is the simple result of overwork or poor constitution.

The North Side Railway are still operating their horses, and say that the effect is to increase their appetites, and generally to improve them.

The following is the report of the number of dead horses received at the Union Rendering Company for the week ending Nov. 18: Nov. 12, 40; Nov. 13, 38; Nov. 14, 21; Nov. 15, 29; Nov. 16, 33; Nov. 17, 12; Nov. 18, 31.

It must not be supposed that, because the report received on the 18th exceeds that of the 17th, the mortality is on the increase. The excess is explained by the fact that the city could not remove horses as they died, and on the 18th, it increased the force engaged in removal.

The deliberations of the West Side Company still go on, and will continue till—the cars are run out.

THE LAW COURTS.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

(Hirsh v. Loomis et al., 41,344, Superior Court.) In this cause plaintiff lays his damages at $13,000, in trespass on the case, for failure to carry out an agreement for the payment of money, etc. Plaintiff affirms that he is the inventor of ozone, for which he has received letters patent; and that the defendants entered into an agreement with him to send him to purify the air in Detroit River tunnel, and for other purposes. They afterward refused to pay expenses, or to carry out the agreement, and he assesses his damages thereby at the above sum.

Joseph M. Hirsh yesterday entered suit against the *Post* Printing Company, and David Blakely, for libel, laying his damages at $10,000. Plaintiff carries on business at 88 West Washington street, and complains of an article published on the 17th of October, 1872, in which he was called "a bribed and prostituted chemist," in connection with Clark Delafontaine, respecting a controversy been them and Wahl Brothers, Leonard Swett, and others.

In the matter of Bell, Wadsworth & Co., in bankruptcy, there was, yesterday, an examination for the purpose of discovering the whereabouts of certain property alleged to have been concealed, but the result was not so satisfactory as the moving parties would have liked. The evidence was reported last night to the Court by Register Hibbard.

The Assignee of Durham & Wood, yesterday, commenced suit against William Paton and others for the recovery of $1,000, the amount of a replevin bond, or the payment of the value of goods replevined and not returned, in a suit brought in the Superior Court and not continued by plaintiff. The same plaintiff entered action also against Henry R. Glover et al.

The convicted murderers, Chris. Rafferty and Andrew J. Fortsech, will be brought before Judge Porter to-day at the Criminal Court, on motion for change of venue. How much longer the existence of these wretched men may be prolonged by the arts of the lawyer it is impossible even to anticipate.

Henrietta Keith yesterday petitioned the Circuit Court to appoint a guardian to take charge of the property of her husband, an alleged drunkard, said property being Lot 6, Block 84, in Canal Trustees' Subdivision of the west half of Section 27 in Township 39, north of Range 14.

The Chamber of Commerce has taken another step forward in its pursuit of the National Insurance Company. In Sunday's TRIBUNE we chronicled the fight over an attempt to throw the Company into chancery. To-day we record judgment against the Company in the Common Law Side of the Superior Court. (See Superior Court, law, Judge Gary.)

The opinion of Judge Blodgett, which is partially to the effect that no sufficient cause has yet been shown for the removal of Mr. N. C. Perkins as Assignee of the State Insurance Company, in bankruptcy, will be found summarized in another column.

It is understood that His Honor Judge Blodgett, will make an order, this morning, directing Register Hibbard to take proofs in the matter of the $261,000, notes of indebtedness of the State Insurance Company, held by the National Insurance Company.

Jacob Gross, Clerk-elect of the Circuit Court, appeared in open Court before Judge Rogers yesterday morning filed his bond, and took the oath of office.

THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

[Judge Blodgett.]

LAW—804—Head v. Green; demurrer to special pleas sustained; leave to file further special pleas by Thursday morning next. 768—Smith v. Wood, et al.; on motion by plaintiff and affidavit filed, the Chicago Arbeiter Verein made a party defendant, and summons to issue. 678—Haugh v. Woodruff, et al.; jury trial.

NEW SUITS—10,674—Chicago Composition Granite Company v. Jacob L. Schureman; case, $8,000; Nelson and Barnum, attorneys. 10,675—John T. Mauldin et al. v. Toledo, Peoria & Western Fruit Freight Line; transcript from Superior Court of Cook County.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

[Judge Gary.]

LAW—1,768—Payne v. Payne; dismissed by plaintiff's attorney and judgment. 2,455—Price v. Fuller; same. Jansen v. Thompson; appeal dismissed by defendant's attorney with procedendo for want of compliance with rule. G. N. 7,543—Wheeler et al. v. Orr Dunberg et al.; leave to file, etc. 2,214—Matthews v. Burges; leave to plaintiff, on notice to C. M. Burges, to file carr in lieu, etc., and rule on defendant to plead 20 days. 2,457—Chicago Gas and Water Pipe Company v. Baltach Silver Smelting and Refining Company; default and judgment $601.03. 1,700—Burges v. Reintidt; dismissed at plaintiff's costs. 1,622—Bower v. Commercial Insurance Company; Leave to

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

[Judge Rogers.]

LAW.—655—Van Osdel v. Peck; jury again called, and trial; verdict for plaintiff; $641.33; motion by defendant for new trial. 1,067—Ridder v. DeWolf; rule on defendant to file additional bond by Monday next in $100. 609—Burchell v. Wright; jury trial; jury retire, and to seal verdict. 779—Kaiser v. Preitz; suit dismissed at plaintiff's costs for want of prosecution. 909—Same v. Same; same.

CALL—310 to 329 inclusive.

[Judge Booth.]

830—Jones v. Anchor Life Insurance Company; leave to reply double to third and fourth pleas. 1,611—Saunders v. Wright; personal service and default, and judgment for $718. 2,641—Hartwell v. Akeley; ten days to file special pleas. 2,850 and 2,851—Ten Eyck v. Edwards v. McPaul; 7,000 days to plead. 1,156—Gorsiss v. Minard; time to file additional bond extended to the same time. G. N. 2,675—Zeganhagen v. Church; Judge Bradwell has papers. 3,048—Ledwitch v. Demo; W. B. Felker returns Narr and affidavit. —Patrick Sheridan and Wife v. C. M. & St. P. R. R. Co. (order as of Saturday, Nov. 9, 1872); award of jury confirmed, and appeal allowed; 60 days to file bond of $500, and bill of exceptions. 2,537 and 2,538—Cash in Bk. v. P. R. R. Co. v. Hurd; jury called and sworn, and trial.

[Judge Tree.]

984—Sheffers v. C. & N. W. R. R. Co.; demurrer to Narr overruled; to plead to merits 20 days. 2,990—Reynolds v. Same; same order. 2,230—Green v. Commercial Insurance Co.; default for want of plea. 2,850—Hight v. Fuller; solicitors appear for defendant, and rule to plead extended 10 days. 2,851—Little v. Same; same. 2,640—Gregory v. Power; solicitors appear for defendant; time to plead extended 10 days. 2,841—Same v. Same; same order. 968—Silverman v. State Insurance Company; jury trial; jurors withdrawn and cause continued to regular place on the calendar; leave to plaintiff to amend Narr instanter; jury discharged.

No. 72 on trial to-day.

[Judge Williams.]

CHANCERY.—529—Peck v. Doyle; solicitors enter appearance of John Doyle, and time to plead, etc., extended 10 days. 606—Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Co. v. Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway Co.; solicitors enter appearance of defendants, and time to plead extended 20 days. 663—Rowe v. Sprague et al.; solicitor enters appearance for Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., and time to plead extended 20 days. 680—Cash v. Hemingway et al.; complainant to show proofs in 20 days. 699—Hurlbut v. Ada v. William Karg; solicitor enters appearance of defendant and time to plead extended 20 days. 714—Margaret v. Cornelius O'Callaghan; rule on defendant to pay complainant $50 per week for temporary alimony, and on the 15th December $50 for solicitor's fees; and leave to complainant to amend bill instanter. 581—Mayer v. Carpenter et al.; dismissed by complainant. 1,000—Farrar v. Johnson et al.; solicitors enter appearance of defendants Payne, Gibbons, and Wieman (?), and time to plead extended 10 days. 709—Borden v. Shortall et al.; solicitors enter appearance of defendants, and time to plead extended 20 days. 4,436—Osborn v. City Railway Company; injunction dissolved and suit dismissed without prejudice.

[Judge Farwell.]

510—Schoff et al. v. Payne et al.; dismissed at complainants' costs. 573—Wilhelmina v. Charles Thee; service by publication, and default. 725—William v. Eliza Corbley; personal service and default.

NEW SUITS—1,938—Jacob Bugbee v. Ann St. Clair; petition for mechanic's lien on the northwest corner of Wells and Hinsdale street. 4,044—Martin Burke v. Chicago West Division Railway Company; case, $10,000; J. V. Le Moyne and M. W. Robinson, attorneys. 4,045—Thomas Morgan v. Mary Morgan and Keith, a drunkard; petition for the appointment of a guardian ad litem for his estate; Spafford, McDaid & Wilson, attorneys. 4,046—Jedh Boyce, Caroline Smith, and Peter Boyce v. Henry Fuller; bill to have an account taken of all moneys advanced by defendant on the security of lands in Berrien County, Mich., and elsewhere, and to have the title in said lands restored to complainants; Hollister & Hollister, attorneys. 4,047—Rudolph Schmidt v. Wm. T. Ball; attachment $1,000. 4,048—Benj. L. Hull v. Lewis Bradshaw; mechanics' lien. 4,049—Samuel Lewis v. Same; mechanics' lien; Brackett & Felch, solicitors in both cases. 4,050—Lucien W. Brown et al. v. Henry Bowman et al.; petition to perpetuate testimony. 4,051—Charles C. Cummings et al v. City of Chicago; petition on mechanic's lien on school house corner of Division and Sedgwick streets for $500; Fuller & Smith, schidtors. 4,052—James R. B. Farson v. H. D. Vandercook and William Butterick; assumpsit; $3,500; William H. Holden, attorney. 4,053—Levi v. Boyden; appeal. 4,054—Charles H. Duck, conservator of Richard G. Duck, an insane person, v. The Town of Cicero; assumpsit; $6,000; Scoville, Orwen & Bagley, attorneys. 4,055—Levi v. Boyden; appeal.

THE COUNTY COURT.

[Judge Wallace.]

Louis A. Kormandy; order to administrator to sell personal estate at public auction, except a certain promissory note; inventory and appraisement approved. John Hopp; order reinstating claims heretofore dismissed, viz.: John and Peter Williams, B. Dorfinger, H. Sternberg; H. Loeb, and Frank Schweinfurth et al. Charles Elson; trial; verdict, insane. Thomas O'Brien; files restored. August Kurzinski; grant of administration to Anton Kurzinski, and bond of $500 approved. William Babe; grant of administration to Ferdinand Babe; bond of $15,000 approved. Jeremiah Leary; inventory and appraisement and award approved. James Cunningham; inventory and appraisement and award approved.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

[Judge Porter.]

410—Blay; sent on pies to 90 days in the House of Correction. 420—Driscoll; sent on pies to Reform School for ten months. 423—Jas. Conley; same. 447—Patrick McLaughlin; six months in the House of Correction. 471—John Reynolds; same. 466—Annis Sweeney; ten months in same. 469—Fred. Small; five months in the Reform School. 468—Peter Boyle; five months in the House of Correction. 438—Hart; jury trial; verdict guilty, and sentenced to eleven months in the House of Correction. 436—Charles Clark; jury trial; guilty, and eleven months in the Reform School. 448—Charles Miller; jury trial, guilty, and six months in the Reform School. 449—John McGuire; jury trial, guilty, and 16 months in the Reform School. 429—John Conley; same, 18 months in the Reform School. 434—Emil Fountaine; jury trial, guilty, and one year in the Penitentiary.

AHEAD AGAIN.

The New and Comfortable Cars Provided by the South Side Railway Company.

The South Side Railway Company received, a day or two since, from New York, three new cars, which are to be placed on the line running from Union Park to Twenty-second street. Ten cars have been ordered, but the number mentioned is the first instalment, the others being due next week. The vehicles are what are known as "dome" cars, an elevation in the centre warranting the name. They are provided with all the "modern improvements," such as rubber running gear, corrugated steps, wide platforms, new brakes, etc. By the former side motion is abviated, and vibration becomes impossible. On the sides of the dome are numerous glass windows, which can be opened at will, and ventilation made as perfect as possible; and by the same means abundant light is secured. There are three lamps, one at each end of the car, and the other resultant from the centre of the dome, which will enable passengers to see one another at night. The seats are composed of slats, such as are generally used in street cars. The cost of a car complete is $1,150. The three cars were running on State street yesterday afternoon, and being bright and shining attracted much attention. The West Side Company have also ten new cars, but they are of the same patterns as the ones now in use. The makers of these comfortable vehicles are John Stephenson & Co., New York. By the middle of next week, should the epizootic not continue to interfere with travel, twenty new cars will be on the track for the accommodation of the public.

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TO-DAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

M'VICKER'S THEATRE—Madison street, between State and Dearborn. Miss Maggie Mitchell, supported by Mr. L. R. Shewell. "Pearl of Savoy."

AIKEN'S THEATRE—Wabash avenue, corner of Congress street. G. L. Fox Pantomime Combination. "Humpty Dumpty."

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MYERS' OPERA HOUSE—Monroe street, between State and Dearborn. Arlington, Cotton & Kemble's Minstrel and Burlesque Troupe.

GLOBE THEATRE—Desplaines street, between Madison and Washington. Vaudeville Entertainment.

The Chicago Tribune.

Wednesday Morning, November 20, 1872.

New York is troubled by a rumor, as yet unauthenticated, that the cholera has arrived in the lower bay.

In a preliminary examination, Colonel Blood, the husband of Mrs. Woodhull, arrested with her for libel, failed utterly, in the opinion of the Court, to justify his publication of the scandalous matter, and has been held for trial in $5,000 bail.

If horses are liable to sicken and die, they must, for pecuniary reasons if for none other, be treated with the utmost skill of medical science. In another column, Dr. Fasren makes some interesting suggestions for the establishment of a society of educated veterinary surgeons, and of a Board of Examiners, whose indorsement every surgeon will need in order to obtain any business.

In accordance with the stern discipline which pervades the public service of Great Britain, a London constable, who abetted efforts of the police force to secure higher pay, was summarily dismissed from the service. The following day eighty policemen were discharged for antinous manifestations of sympathy with their unfortunate fellow, and yesterday two hundred more were suspended for the same reason.

The President, it is now announced, will carry out the Cincinnati Platform in a further respect by recommending universal amnesty and a liberal policy designed to remit the South to local self-government. Secretary Cox was removed from the Cabinet for recommending just those measures of Civil Service Reform which the President is now defending.

In Texas, the mails are still mainly carried by stages; but the entire mail system of the State will be changed by the completion of the railroad through the Indian Territory, which will permit through trains to be run from Chicago to Galveston by next month. All the through mails to and from the Gulf will be carried by this line, and another of the few old stage lines of the country which are still running will be supplanted.

Dominican pride, says a Judge Sullivan who has recently returned from San Domingo, was greatly incensed by the tone of the American press and of the Senate, in the discussion of the annexation question, but can, he intimates, be soothed by the purchase of the island on more liberal terms than those proposed last year. Still, Baez promises that his people will not force the matter on this country. Apparently as an inducement to the purchase, assurance is given of unusually fine crops this year; but it is not stated that, if we wanted these, we should have to pay for them, even if we owned the island, and that we can, if we wish, buy them without buying San Domingo.

President Thiers was so distressed by the passage, by only an insignificant majority, of the recent vote of confidence in the policy suggested by his message, that he could not sleep night before last, and now resorts to his usual threat that he will resign unless he gets a full vote of indorsement. The Deputies of the Left promise to comply with his wishes; but a caucus of 280 members of the Right resolved to oppose any formal proclamation of the Republic, but were willing to make Thiers President for life if he would follow a conservative policy. Unless the Assembly once more surrenders to the President's wishes, there will be a series ministerial crisis in France.

A Virginia delegation presented to President Grant, the other day, the claims of the James River and Kanawha Canal, which the Government is asked to aid, and our despatches to-day describe another scheme which seeks Federal help. Surveys have been made by the War Department for a canal which shall connect the Mississippi River with the Atlantic, using for three-fourths of the way such large rivers as the Tennessee and the Cumulgee. This will insure a full supply of water during the summer, and, as the route lies below the frost line, the canal will be open all the year round. These advantages of open navigation the year round, and cheapness of construction, will enable freight to be transported, it is said, by this line from St. Louis to the seaboard for $4.60 a ton.

Will not somebody advertise in Mr. Scammon's newspaper, so that he can pay over that $40,000 to the Assignee of the Mutual Security Insurance Company? This $40,000 was paid into the treasury of the Company, in small sums, by merchants, mechanics, washerwomen, etc., in the form of premiums for policies of insurance. Mr. Scammon was Treasurer of the Company. We all know that he is anxious to pay over the money to the Assignee as soon as he can make that sum out of his newspaper. We hope that the merchants, mechanics, washerwomen, etc., who hold the policies of the Mutual Security Insurance Company, will come to the rescue, and, by the liberal patronage they extend to Mr. Scammon, enable him to pay over the $40,000.

There is a rumor that open war has broken out between Mr. Frederick Douglass and Mr. John M. Langston, the latter of whom made an application for the office of Solicitor General before the election returns got cool. The cause of the trouble we do not know, but the animus of it may be inferred from the fact that Douglass says Langston is "an impudent, shallow-brained chap, who is always anxious to push himself forward," and Langston retorts that Douglass is "a conceited, overestimated fellow, who looks upon the advancement of any other colored man as a slight to himself." We are not quite sure but that there may be a color of truth in both these estimates; but we hope, for the sake of our newly-made citizens in general, that neither is as black as the other paints him.

A correspondent suggests that the difficulties in the way of getting out the $44,000,000 of greenbacks, which Mr. Boutwell claims he has the right to re-issue, might be overcome by depositing the whole sum with J. Y. Scammon as a private banker. The greenbacks being simply past-due paper, Mr. Scammon might then declare the Government bankrupt, shut down on the money, and invite Mr. Boutwell to see him in the United States Court. This method, the writer thinks, is preferable to that suggested by another banker, of hiring Professor Wise's balloon and sailing over the country, dropping the greenbacks on the heads of the people, because, while the latter method would be undeniably fair and impartial, it would not tend to relieve the particular stringency of which Mr. Scammon complains.

The people of Boston have gracefully declined the assistance which the country was ready to extend to them. They have lost heavenly,—but not to an extent which would require them to accept charity. But there is a mode in which the West, and, in fact, the whole country, can render her timely aid,—we doubt not, most welcome assistance. Let merchants, and all men who are indebted to Boston dealers and manufacturers, at once remit the cash, whether the accounts or notes are due or not. The extra effort which some may be obliged to make to do this will be more than compensated by the reflection that timely and proper aid has been given to our stricken sister city when she most needs it. We happen to know that some of our citizens have already acted upon this principle, and it is to be hoped that all who can will at once follow this good example.

The *State Journal*, at Springfied, in its issue of the 18th, gives the vote of Illinois in full, and here are some specimens of its so-called "official returns:"

	Grant.	*Greeley.*	*Oglesby.*	*Koerner.*
Cass	1,319	1,749	1,243	1,877
Clinton	1,319	1,749	1,243	1,877
St. Clair	4,217	4,160	2,346	2,178

THE TRIBUNE, of the 18th, gave the full vote of the State from returns furnished by County Clerks, and the full vote of the above named counties was:

	Grant.	*Greeley.*	*Oglesby.*	*Koerner.*
Cass	1,147	1,154	1,137	1,268
Clinton	1,319	1,749	1,243	1,877
St. Clair	4,215	4,009	2,818	4,430

The Quincy *Whig*, we observe, faithfully copies the *Journal*; and whoever sends despatches from Springfield seems very anxious to have the Springfield totals, upon such figures as here given, adopted as the vote of Illinois.

The Alton *Telegraph* holds that Governor Oglesby is ineligible to the office of United States Senator, because the new Constitution of the State declares that "neither the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Auditor of Public Accounts, Secretary of the State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, nor Attorney General shall be eligible to any other office during the period for which he shall have been elected." The answer to this is, that the Constitution of the United States defines the qualifications of Senators and Representatives in Congress, and that no State can add to or subtract from those qualifications. The same point was raised against the eligibility of Judge Trumbull, in 1855, he having been a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State, and not having served out the term for which he was elected. The State Constitution then in force declared that no Judge of the Supreme or Circuit Court should be eligible to any other office during the period for which he was elected, nor for one term thereafter. The question was raised in the Senate when Mr. Trumbull presented his credentials, and it was decided forthwith that it was not competent for a State to declare who should or who should not be eligible to either House of Congress. He was, therefore, admitted to his seat. Governor Oglesby will not have any difficulty after he passes the Illinois Legislature, and we guess he will not meet with much difficulty there.

About two years ago, when the grain warehousemen were offended at some comments which were made in THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, touching their method of conducting the elevator business, a delegation of them waited upon us, and one of them rather staggered us by asking this question: "Do you think we could afford to put ourselves in the power of our own employes?" How much force there was in the interrogation appears from certain developments which were made public on the Board of Trade yesterday. From these developments it appears that in August last, when an official measurement was made at the warehouses, to ascertain the exact amount of grain in store, certain bins in Munn & Scott's warehouses were provided with false bottoms, placed near the top of the bin, and covered with a sprinkling of grain, by which deceit it was made to appear that the warehouses contained 109,000 bushels of corn and 101,000 bushels of wheat more than was actually in store, and for which amount receipts were outstanding. We understand that it is the determination of Mr. Armour, who has recently purchased the Munn & Scott warehouses, to protect the public against the receipts, but the fraud of the original parties still remains. It was a stupendous swindle, and it was owing to this and other methods of deceit; which were noised about by rumor, that public confidence in the warehouse business was so greatly shaken two years ago. We are glad that there is a determination on the part of the Board to expose these rascalities, and correct them as far as possible. It cannot be done too soon or too thoroughly.

The Chicago produce markets were generally stronger yesterday, and breadstuffs were active. Mess pork was quiet, but firmer for future, closing at $14.50@15.00 for old; $13.00@13.25 for new; $12.30@12.40 seller December, and $12.30 seller March. Lard was in better demand, and firmer at 7¼@7¾c cash or seller December, and 7¾c seller March. Meats were quiet and steady at 4¾c for part salted shoulders; 6¼@6¾c for do short ribs; and 6¾@7c for do short clear. Sweet pickled hams, 9¾@10¼c. Highwines were quiet and irregular, closing at 89c per gallon. Lake freights were quiet and 1c higher, at 11c for corn by sail to Buffalo. Flour was more active, and firm. Wheat was excited, and irregular, at 2@2½c advance, closing weak at $1.07¼ seller the month, and $1.07¾ seller December. Corn was active, and ¾c higher, closing easier at 32½c seller the month, and 31½c seller December. Oats were more active, and 1c higher, closing at 23c seller the month, and 23½c seller December. Rye was quiet, and advanced 1½c, closing at 55c. Barley was excited, and advanced 6c per bu, closing easier, at 83c for No. 2 cash, and 66c for seller the month. The hog trade was moderately active and easier. Prices were not quotably lower, however, sales making at $4.00@4.20. The cattle market was quiet and weak. Sheep sold slowly at about last week's prices. The stocks of grain in store on Saturday evening last were 582,257 bu wheat, 720,567 bu corn, 615,873 bu oats, 132,232 bu rye, and 306,734 bu barley.

THE "ABSTRACT BOOKS" AGAIN.

The question of the purchase of the abstract books has been brought before the public again by a report of a new Committee of the County Commissioners, covering the decision of the Judges upon the matter. The report of the Committee is singularly inconsistent with that of the Judges. The Committee set forth that the result of a conference between the Judges, at which Messrs. Chase Brothers, Shortall & Hoard, and Jones & Sellers were present, was the unanimous opinion of the Judges that, if anything was purchased by the county, it should be all the books, papers, and memoranda in the possession and under the control of the abstract men; that the owners thereupon submitted a proposition to sell said books, etc., to the county for $750,000. The Committee (Samuel Ashton, John Crawford, and John Herting) then say:

> Your Committee would further state that it seemed to be the unanimous opinion of the Judges that there was an imperative necessity for the county to become the owner of said property *at whatever cost*, provided it was within the bounds of reason and the ability of the county to meet the demand.

Fortunately, however, the action of the Judges was not left to be reported in this manner; they took the precaution of putting their opinions in writing. Judge Tree, acting as Secretary of the Judges' meeting, informed the Committee thus:

> GENTLEMEN: I have been instructed by the Judges to inform your Committee that, with reference to the purchase of the memoranda of titles to the land in Cook County from Messrs. Chase Bros., Shortall & Hoard, and Jones & Sellers, they have nothing to add to the suggestion heretofore made to the Board of Commissioners, that only originals should be purchased, and then only for such sum as can be paid by the county consistently with its other engagements; and that, with regard to the price which should be paid for such memoranda, the Judges, after full consultation, are compelled to decline to fix any sum which they will approve until such time as the matter shall properly come before them for their official action in the manner pointed out by the act of the Legislature authorizing the purchase. Very respectfully yours, LAMBERT TREE, Secretary.
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> CHICAGO, Oct. 31, 1872.

Judge Williams, Chairman of the Judges' meeting, communicated the following resolution adopted by them:

> *Resolved*, That the Judges of the Superior and Circuit Courts decline to take any further or other action than that heretofore taken in reference to the purchase of the abstracts under the law of April 9, 1872, until such time as the Board of Commissioners of Cook County shall submit to them some definite proposition for their approval or disapproval.
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> E. S. WILLIAMS, Chairman, etc.
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> CHICAGO, Nov. 1, 1872.

Notwithstanding this, the Committee allege that the Judges indicated that they would "approve the purchase by the county at whatever sum the Board, in its judgment, and by its action, should offer." And, therefore, they recommend the purchase, at some price to be hereafter fixed, payment to be made by the issue of twenty-year bonds, bearing interest at 7 per cent.

The act of the Legislature of April 9, 1872, authorized the Judges to examine into the state of the records of Cook County, and if they found any abstracts, copies, etc., which had been fairly made before the fire, they were to certify that fact, and also whether such abstracts "tend to show a connected chain of title" to the land in Cook County. This duty they have performed. The act then provides that the County Board "may, with the approval of the Judges of the Circuit and Superior Courts," purchase such abstracts. The Judges, very properly, confine themselves to such original papers as "tend to show a connected chain of title." The question does not rest with them to advise the purchase or to advise against it, nor to suggest a price. These are matters pertaining to the Board of County Commissioners. When that Board has acted, then and not until then will the Judges consent to pass upon the matter. They will then have to approve or disapprove the purchase of the whole or any part of the papers offered; and they will have to approve or disapprove the price offered for the same. Under these circumstances, we think it preposterous to assume that the Judges have intimated or suggested, however remotely or indirectly, that there existed "an imperative necessity" for the county to purchase the abstracts "at whatever cost" within the bounds of reason and the ability of the county to pay; nor do we think it any more reasonable to believe that the Judges informed Mr. Ashton, Mr. Herting, and Mr. Crawford, behind the door, that they would approve the purchase at whatever sum the Board of Commissioners should decide to pay. The purchase of these papers was made subject to the approval of the Judges for the express purpose of protecting the public from the payment of "whatever price" a majority of the County Commissioners might be induced to offer. It was never contemplated that the Judges should tell Messrs. Ashton, Crawford & Co. to go ahead and make their contract, and the Judges would approve it, no matter what it was. We do not believe that the Judges ever authorized any such statement, or even hinted at it.

The need of purchasing these abstracts at all has undergone considerable abatement since the 9th of October, 1871. It was then claimed, and believed, that the public were in danger of losing their property from an inability to show title, and it was somehow believed that these abstracts would re-establish titles supposed to have been destroyed. The abstract men, last spring, adopted the plan of delaying or refusing to deliver abstracts, with a view of creating an "imperative necessity" for their purchase. But this game did not win. It was soon discovered that we could get along without abstracts. The real estate business of Chicago during 1872 has been unprecedentedly large, both as regards the number of transfers and the value of the property sold and mortgaged. The necessity of paying $750,000, or any other sum, for these books, is growing less every day.

Every man in possession of real estate has a title thereto, which stands good until a better is shown. These abstracts will not sustain a bad title, nor overthrow a good one. Four months ago, a report was made on this subject by Mr. Hitchcock and several other of the best members of the Board of Commissioners, opposing the purchase of the abstract books at any price. The arguments of that report have never been answered. To pay $750,000 for these indexes, in defiance of a clear and unanswerable exposition of their inutility, is just that kind of legislation which the act of April, 1872, intended to prevent, by making the approval of the seven Judges of this county necessary.

There is nothing so easy to some people as to spend public money. The authority to issue bonds is very tempting. This county is now taxed double what it was ever taxed in any year before. We have use for all the money that can be raised, by taxes or by loans, for purposes of absolute necessity. We have already added largely to the county debt. In the next three years we must increase it to the full constitutional limit. Thus situated, this scheme to spend $750,000 upon the purchase of these books is trifling with the public interests, and looks like a job. We have got along without them for a year; let us try and do so for another year.

SWINDLING IN GRAIN FREIGHTS.

Messrs. Sykes, Wight, and Sturges, a Committee of the Chicago Board of Trade appointed to investigate the abuse of the "underbilling" of grain when shipped in bulk by rail, have made a report in the form of a communication to the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, which shows a mode of swindling equally injurious to honest shippers of grain, to the railroad companies, and to the elevators and grain trade generally of Chicago. This consists in issuing bills of lading at points where the grain is not received from elevators, and where there are no facilities for weighing it, at "shipper's weight," taking the weight from the statement of the shipper. The shippers at interior points have thus been tempted to "underbill" the quantity or weight in order to save railroad freights, and agents soliciting freights, when not allowed to "cut rates," have connived at this underbilling as an indirect mode of allowing shipments at lower than the standard rates of freight agreed upon by the competing companies. The dishonest shipper, by underbilling, saves a percentage on his freights which enables him to undersell his rivals. The railroad companies lose a percentage of their just charges, and the elevators and grain-dealers of Chicago and the other larger grain ports, where the grain is carefully weighed and underbilling is impossible, are at a disadvantage compared with interior points which do not weigh their grain. Examples are given of the extent of this "underbilling," as follows: Ten carloads of oats, supposed to be from Darlington or Mineral Point, unloaded at East Somerville, Mass., by G. P. Ray, City Weigher of Boston, between the 9th of March and 12th of April last, were billed 20,000 lbs per car, or 200,000 lbs, and weighed, when delivered, 252,636 lbs, an excess of 52,636 lbs, the largest excess being 10,320 lbs in one car, and the smallest, 3,840 lbs, and an average of 5,263 lbs. Here the shipper saved 26¼ per cent of the freights he should have paid to the railroads. The latter carried 52,636 lbs, or more than a fifth, of the grain without compensation, and the honest shipper and warehousemen saw themselves outwitted and under-bid by a kind of petty theft, wholly outside the range of legitimate enterprise.

Seven Blue-Line cars containing corn, supposed to be from Lena, Ill., *via* Illinois Central Railroad, were weighed out,—five at Lawrence and two at East Somerville, Mass. They were billed at a total of 146,000 lbs, and contained 219,634 lbs, in excess of 73,634 lbs, or over 50 per cent. The excess averaged 10,519 lbs per car.

Thirty-nine cars received at Chicago from two country shippers, and unloaded on track (freight paid on 20,000 lbs per car), showed an average excess of 7,423 lbs, or 37 per cent over the amount on which freight was paid.

Thirty-eight cars shipped from Chicago, in May and June, contained 15 per cent more grain than they were billed at and paid freight on.

Fifty cars shipped in June and July contained 9 in excess of way-bill.

A sufficient number of additional instances are given to show the practice to be quite general, and while the report claims that shippers from Chicago cannot avail themselves like those from interior points of this trick, the statement annexed to the report, by a singular contradiction, contain as many shipments underbilled from Chicago as elsewhere. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company have adopted the rule of weighing grain-cars at Pittsburgh, and charging first-class freights on all grain in excess of the amount stated in the way-bill. This, they think, has broken up the practice, so far as shipments over their road to points east of Pittsburgh are concerned. The Committee recommend, as their remedy, that the present forms of bills of lading at "shipper's weight," or "more or less," be discarded as unfit for the purposes of commerce, and that, instead, where weighing facilities do not exist at the point of shipment, the way-bill contain substantially this clause, "Not weighed; to be weighed at —— station; the weight there found will be the basis of way-bill, and guaranteed." The car will then run to the first point where it can be weighed, the weight will be reported to the original station, and made the basis of the way-bill. This, it is thought, will cause weigh-scales to be speedily supplied at all points where grain in any considerable quantity is loaded or unloaded.

The Committee also suggest that the disposition of shippers to cheat the railroads has been provoked in part by the arrogant policy of the railroads in refusing to become responsible to shippers for shrinkage, shortage, and other waste of carrying. Shippers who paid freight on the full amount shipped and named in the bills of lading, and fell short 200 lbs at destination, not only lost the shortage, but actually paid the freight on lost or stolen grain. Rather than do this, they began by allowing 500 lbs or 1,000 lbs excess to cover shortage, and this soon grew into the pleasant abuse of loading from a third to a half more grain on a car than freight is paid for. This involves not only a reduction of freight receipts, but a great wear and risk in the movement of over-loaded cars. The cars are adapted to carry about 22,400 lbs each, and when the load is swelled to 30,000 or thereabouts, hot-boxes, broken axles, fires, delays, and other accidents are multiplied.

It is mutually desirable to the shippers and railroad companies that both shall ascertain the actual amount of grain shipped at the moment of shipment, that the bill of lading shall state that amount, and that the railroad company shall be responsible for the delivery of exactly that amount, less a certain fixed percentage for shortage. This is the contract made by water carriers, and it should be the contract made by the railroads. The Committee estimate that the average loss to the railroads is the freight on fifty bushels of corn or ninety bushels of oats per car, which, at present rates of freight of 70 cents per 100 lbs between Chicago and Boston, is not far from twenty dollars per car for that traffic. This is a heavy premium to dishonesty. It is not definitely suggested what manner of enactment by the State Legislature would afford any relief; but it is intimated that both State and National legislation might aid the railroads and shippers in making their contract more definite and more in accordance with their own and the public interest. We do not at present perceive what legislation can put grain scales where there are none, or cause railroad men and grain-shippers to put the true weight into their bills of lading if they think proper mutually to prefer a false one. But the evil is an evil, and whatever tends to abolish it will deserve the support of the railroads, the grain trade, and warehouses, the legislators, the judiciary, and the country generally.

SUICIDES AND BATH-TUBS.

An unfortunate scion of English nobility, who for some time held the position of Lieutenant in the Thirteenth Hussars, recently committed suicide at Ottawa, Canada, the absurd act being the denouement of a love affair. We do not allude to this fact simply for the sake of chronicling the suicide of a nobleman. There is nothing particularly remarkable in that. Suicide is an infirmity which is not confined to plebeians, and no particular class can lay claim to a monopoly of the absurb and low-toned practice. A fierce attack of love, working upon a shallow head and a weak mind, is just as apt to drive a nobleman to cold steel or prussic acid as it is to drive a grisette to her chafing-dish of charcoal. The peculiar feature of this suicide is the development it has made concerning noble habits. The particular nobleman, in this instance, boarded with one Mrs. Henderson, who for aught we know is a model landlady, so that his untimely taking off is in nowise concerned with the excellencies or defects of her *cuisine*, nor due to any of those minor miseries which some of our afflicted fellow-creatures have to suffer in boarding-houses. There is nothing to show, in Mrs. Henderson's testimony, that her late lamented noble boarder was anything but a model boarder in point of prompt settlement of bills. He never complained of the fare. He wasn't out late nights, and never came home in such a condition that he couldn't find the keyhole of the front door. He never had his room full of boon and boisterous companions, making night hideous. He had none of the vices of the conventional boarder; but all the virtues of the nice young man, who pays his bills every Saturday night in advance, goes to bed early, and escorts the landlady's daughters to church on Sundays. And yet Mrs. Henderson was not altogether satisfied with her model boarder, and she explains in her testimony what it was that produced this dissatisfaction. She says: "His conduct was uniformly eccentric. He took a bath every morning regularly. He also carried wood to the house. He insisted upon doing up his own rooms, and gave very little trouble in any way to the hostess."

This astounding statement inevitably gives rise to some startling reflections. Mrs. Henderson must have had some knowledge of the habits of noblemen. Are we, therefore, to conclude that it is considered an eccentricity for a nobleman to take a bath and keep himself clean? The few noblemen we have chanced to meet always seemed to us to be models of cleanliness in person. When Albert Edward, some years ago, visited Chicago, and, more recently, the Duke Alexis, both these scions of royalty wore remarkably clean faces and hands, and were scrupulously neat in their attire, although neither of them evidently were presided over by tailors who understood perfect fits. Their trousers were shockingly loose and baggy, but, at least, they were clean. The noblemen of fiction are also very clean, and make their baths a matter of boasting. Disraeli, who knows all about them, as well as Bulwer, invariably make their noblemen pinks of perfection as to cleanliness and neatness. Mrs. Henderson's idea of eccentricity may be, however, a matter of boarding-house prejudice. The etiquette of Canadian boarding-houses may not recognize the taking of baths every morning. Mrs. Henderson's boarding-house in particular may be an ultra-democratic establishment. She may be a violent Red Republican for aught we know, and if so, then it is by no means curious that Citizenees Henderson objects to baths. In the days of the Reign of Terror, a clean shaven face carried a man to the guillotine and a woman's white hand invariably cost her her head. It isn't always safe to be over clean even in Chicago. A man with a white shirt is pretty sure to be regarded with suspicion by the colored-shirted *canaille*, and if to this he adds clean hands and a recently barbered head, he is pretty sure to be singled out as a proper victim to be assaulted upon very slight provocation by the representatives of dirt and democracy. It may be that this is the proper view of the unfortunate nobleman's eccentricity. There is a third suggestion to which Mrs. Henderson's testimony gives rise. Did the noblemen commit suicide because he took baths regularly? Is there any occult connection between baths and suicide? Will Dr. Rauch give us his views on this subject? Water had much to do with Ophelia's death. At least, it was remarked, when she was dragged from the muddy brook, that she had too much water. Are we having too much water, and is it likely to lead to suicide? These are questions which Sanitary Superintendents should carefully examine and report upon.

The mere matter of this nobleman's suicide is of little consequence. The market is overstocked with suicides. They are too scurd for consideration, and the man who commits one is guilty of a breach of good taste which does not entitle him to posthumous sympathy. The manner, however, is of grave import. Mrs. Henderson's testimony shows one of three things,—either it is an eccentricity for a nobleman to keep himself clean; or, the taking of baths is an eccentricity in a Canadian boarding-house; or, bathing has a suicidal tendency.

A NEW EXCUSE FOR MURDER.

London has recently had a murder trial, resulting in the acquittal of the murderer, on the ground of insanity. The case differs from the class of "insane murders" familiar to the American people, based upon emotional aberration, in cases of jealousy, marital deception, illicit love, breach of promise, divorce, and other relations of the sexes. The London case of insanity was simply the temporary result of excessive drink, known popularly as *delirium tremens*.

The murder was one of peculiar atrocity. The assassin Taylor, a laborer, had lived with a woman for many years and had two children,—a boy of 14 and an infant daughter. One evening, when Taylor had been drinking, the boy was sent for his father's wages, brought them home, threw himself upon the bed, and fell asleep. When he awoke, he saw his mother lying beside him dead. "You have killed my mother," the boy shouted to the man who sat near him. "Yes, and you shall see how it was done," was the man's reply. He immediately struck the boy with a heavy iron bolt, with which he had already murdered the woman and the infant child. The boy alone recovered, and it was his testimony which left no doubt as to the killing. The murderer was arrested, and began by cutting his throat and tearing the wound open after it had been dressed; he then jumped out of a window and otherwise conducted himself like a man maddened by grief or remorse; but, subsequently, he settled down into a rational state. The trial has just been concluded by a verdict of acquittal. These are the main points of the case, but there were certain aggravating circumstances. Once before, Taylor had made a murderous assault upon the woman. It was only a few days before the final murder that he stabbed her with a fork, inflicting a severe wound. He was arrested for this, but the woman declined to appear against him, and he was discharged. Testimony at the trial also brought out the fact that Taylor was perfectly familiar with the influence which drink had upon him. He had asked some of his comrades whether it was drink that threw him into these paroxysms of rage, and, when assured that it was, he had promised to give it up. The evidence, then, was complete, not only that he had murdered two persons and nearly murdered another, all intimately related to him, but that he was fully aware of his own dangerous propensities when drunk.

In acquitting Taylor of his horrible butchery under such evidence as this, an English jury has carried the privileges of constructive insanity further than ever before. The prominent American cases in which temporary excitement, used as synonymous with emotional insanity, has been regarded as sufficient reason for the acquittal of murderers, have all been founded upon some chivalric sentimental consideration for woman. In the Taylor case, however, there were none of these sentimental or emotional excuses, whether true or false. It was a brutal murder committed by a man who was at least responsible for putting himself in the condition that prompted it, and the result of bad personal habits as well as the outgrowth of a depraved nature. This may be insanity; but, if it is, then it is time that the laws should define what kind of insanity shall justify murder and what kind shall not.

There is one phase of the Taylor case, however, which seems to teach a useful lesson for all communities. Had this man been properly prosecuted for his previous vicious assaults, and punished as he deserved, it is probable that the murder would never have been committed. The laws of all countries seem to be defective in the way of punishing unsuccessful attempts at murder as they ought to be punished.

The majority of people who commit murder have previously indicated a readiness to do it whenever occasion should present itself. But, while the law considers the intent as vital as the deed, it takes little or no cognizance of the intent unless it be accompanied by fatal results. If to the long list of temporarily insane conditions under which murder may be committed with impunity, that of excessive drunkenness is to be added, it is time that we should have some legal restraint applied to habitual drunkards.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* makes the prevalence of the horse disease in that city the occasion for suggesting some changes in the funeral customs of our country. The disablement of the horses in all large cities has rendered it almost impossible to secure the number of carriages which are regarded as desirable, or as necessary to the observance of the proprieties of the occasion, and it is suggested that the demands of custom in this regard should be modified. There is no doubt that the large expense of funerals, chiefly occasioned by common vanity of having a long string of carriages, is beyond the means of numbers of those who incur them as a concession to what other people will think and say. It is also argued, with considerable justice, that this practice of a general attendance at the grave becomes an intrusion upon the grief of the real mourners at the moment of final parting. It is undoubtedly true that it would be better in many respects if the general attendance of friends and acquaintances were limited to the services at the house or church, while the remains should be placed in their last resting-place by the family and most intimate friends only.

POLITICAL.

Virginia politicians are anxious to have either H. H. Wells or Ex-Gov. Hughes in Grant's Cabinet. "Who's Akerman?"

—General A. H. Colquitt withdraws in favor of General John B. Gordon for United States Senator of Georgia.

—It is not forgotten that the Missouri Legislature elects a Senator this winter. The St. Louis *Republican* says:

> Here are a few names mentioned in connection with the Senatorship to be filled by the Legislature that meets in January:
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> Francis P. Blair, John A. Phelps, A. T. Glover, Silas Woodson, James Craig, Trusten Polk, Waldo P. Johnson, Thomas C. Reynolds, George C. Vest, William H. Hatch, James O. Broadhead, William A. Hall, Willard P. Hall, Joseph Brown, Wm. B. Napton, John F. Philips, John B. Clark, James S. Rollins, Lewis V. Bogy, etc.

—For the Speakership of the Missouri Legislature, Judge James K. Sheley, of Jackson, Robert L. Wilson, of Girardeau, and Colonel Mortimer McIlhany, of Audrain, are named.

—Susan B. Anthony and the eight or ten other females of Rochester, N. Y., are not to enjoy notoriety alone. Two females voted at Brownstown, Ind., and one at Topeka, Kansas.

—The Virginia Legislature will meet on the first Wednesday of December, and not on the first Monday.

—Returns from all but three counties—Cass, Clark, and Fulton, of the Central Grand Division, give Hamburgher, for Clerk of the Supreme Court, 71,335; Brown, 66,876; majority for Hamburgher, 4,459. Hamburgher's majority will not be less than 4,000.

—General Whitthorne's majority over Gibbs, for Congress, in the Columbia (Tenn.) District, about 2,000. The election of Gibbs, Republican, has heretofore been reported.

—Distant Pembina gives 40 votes—all for Grant, and without a scratched ticket.

—O'Conor's strength lay in Georgia; and in votes there is less than 6,000. In Alex. Boyden's district he got 1,156; in another, 1,023; and in another, 535.

—The Legislature of Ohio, at its adjourned session this winter, will carry into effect the will of the people, a year ago, ordering a Convention to revise the Constitution. Probably an election of delegates—which the Constitution requires to be on the same basis as the election of Members of the House of Representatives—will be ordered on the first Monday in April, and the Convention be required to meet in May or June.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Everything.

The Hon. Jesse W. Fell, of Normal, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. E. Cady Stanton's lecture on "The Republic" will be delivered Friday evening.

W. O. Davis, Esq., publisher of the Bloomington *Pantagraph*, was registered at Kuhn's House yesterday.

The police force took $38,514.75, and the Fire Department $17,902.16, from the City Treasurer's office yesterday.

Hon. Geo. D. Darwin, Vice President of the Firemen's Fund, San Francisco, arrived in the city yesterday, and is at the Sherman House.

The infant son of Lafayette Martin, residing at No. 39 Brown street, was choked to death yesterday forenoon while attempting to swallow a piece of sugar.

The discovery of fire in the two-story brick building No. 51 South Halsted street, caused the alarm from Box 275 at a quarter past 5 o'clock yesterday evening. The damage was trifling.

Miss Sarah Smiley, the Quaker preacher, will speak again this evening in the First Congregational Church. The house was densely crowded on Sunday night, and many people went away who could not get in.

Betting on the date when the State street bridge will be ready for use is a popular pastime among North Siders. There does not appear to be the slightest probability that the structure will swing this winter.

There has been a noticeable decrease in the number of depredations by horse thieves in the city, since the advent of the economic. The complaints of this character are made at the Police Headquarters now. The loss of several valuable ox-teams has been reported, however.

The congregation of Trinity Church are reminded that the first of a series of church entertainables, and other entertainments, for the season winter will be held this evening, at the residence of the Rev. E. Sullivan, No. 919 Wabash avenue, corner of Twentieth street. Proposed plans of the new church will be on view.

The nuisance to which attention was called in yesterday's TRIBUNE,—that of street stages running under false pretences,—was promptly dealt with yesterday by Officer Silver, of the Mayor's police, who paid his respects to the two drivers complained of, and compelled them to put up the proper sign-boards on their buses.

A young man, named Henry Osborne, employed as timekeeper at McCormick's Reaper Works, on Kinzie street, near North Clark, accidentally fell from the second story to the basement yesterday afternoon. He is supposed to be fatally injured. He resides at No. 113 Desplaines street.

A large number of workmen were employed yesterday in preparing South Clark street for the bridge to Washington street, for the tracks and rails upon which the new street car line will run. The contractors anticipate that track will be laid to Twelfth street, the southern terminus of the extension, by the close of the year; but if weather does not interpose serious obstacles.

An inquest was held at the Union Park Police Station yesterday, on the body of Patrick Delaney, who was killed in the capsizing of a coal cart at the corner of Ashland avenue and Jackson street, on Monday evening. Deceased was a resident of No. 115 Bunker street. He was married, and the father of several small children.

The Personal Liberty League held a mass meeting, yesterday afternoon, over Hass & Bissell's livery-stable, No. 23 West Madison street. After a stormy debate of nearly four hours' duration, it was decided to hold a mass meeting in opposition to the Temperance law, some time next week. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Madlener and Severa, was appointed to secure a hall and make the necessary arrangements.

The Oak Park Literary Society has arranged an attractive programme for the winter. In addition to their regular semi-monthly literary exercises, a course of lectures has been decided upon. Rev. William Alvin Bartlett will open the course on Monday evening at the First Congregational Church, Oak Park, with his lecture entitled "Down to Date." In December Professor E. M. Boo

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will deliver his new lecture on "Facts and Fi
lies;" Mrs. Livermore will appear in Februa
and other lecturers will follow.

Citizens of Chicago were registered in Euro
on the 2d inst., as follows: Paris, O: Brown
C. V. Dyer and family, Alexander Ewing, A.
Garfield and family, Miss A. E. Hobart, Mrs.
Jackson, J. S. Lawrence, W. H. D. Lowis, M
MacCougall, Mrs. H. H. and Miss Kate Port
Mrs. C. Rhodes, Mrs. Enoch Root, Mrs. Sch
Mr. family, Mr. Singer, Mr. and Mrs. Sto
Liverpool, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Whitman. L
Charles Knickerbocker, Charles S. Ma
Brussels, G. W. Holder. Heidelberg, Mr. a
Mrs. A. B. Hitchcock. Rome, Mrs. G. F.
Healy, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Horner. Flore
Mrs. M. A. Roberts, Cyrus True.

A police officer found a man, named Fra
Reddy, lying on the prairie near the corner
Halsted street and Waupansenh avenue, on S
day evening. He was evidently suffering f
acute pain. The officer conveyed him to
nearest drug-store, and sent for a doctor.
death had taken place before the latter's ar
From papers found in the man's pockets,
supposed that he resided at No. 1577 South
sted street. An inquest has not yet been h
but death is believed to have been caus
heart disease.

An interesting experiment is shortly to
made which will throw light on the subject
extinguishing fires on the upper floors of
buildings,—the great peril of city fires.
Grand Pacific Hotel is supplied with stand
iron pipes four inches in diameter, open
with a cap at the sidewalk, and with
couplings on each of the six floors of the bu
ing. The design is to attach one of the st
fire engines to the sidewalk coupling, and
water to any of the six floors, saving the ho
ing of hose, to say nothing of the time requ
in taking up the lead of hose. A public tri
presently to be made of these pipes, using
most powerful of the steamers, and it w
shown what kind of a stream, and how
water can be delivered effectively, at a hei
110 feet above the sidewalk.

The man who was killed by a run-away t
at the corner of Canal and Kinzie streets
day evening, was identified yesterday morn
as John Kruger, a German laborer, Aged
years, who lived at No. 551 North Halsted stre
Coroner Stephens empanelled a jury and he
an inquest. Several persons who had witness
the accident were examined. The testimon
many of them went to show that the drive
the frightened horses, Dennis McCarthy, was
toxicated and incapable of managing the
The jury adjourned until 11 o'clock this
noon in order to admit of the production of
ther evidence. McCarthy is in the custody o
Union Street Station, awaiting the result of
inquest.

Josh Billings will never again lecture in
particular brand of cockroach. If he talks o
the insect at all, he will discuss the whole fa
ly. His anxiety to possess a live and intelli
specimen of the "pensive cockroach," expre
in Monday's issue of THE TRIBUNE, has led
means of making him acquainted with
style of cockroach known to the entomolo
His friends have spared neither
nor expense to gratify his l
from their large private collections.
terday several animated packages, d
to Josh Billings, were left at the
House. It was found upon examination
they contained lively crowds of lovely cockroa
of all sizes and tempers. The landlord
her contribution in his washing. Josh w
very pleasant afternoon with them in his ro
ber, studying their different natures and
ners. He returns his thanks to the fir
Fred. Gould hopes they will visit the Sh
House again. He guarantees that the
clerk shall welcome them with a club.

THE GAS QUESTION.

rt History of the National and Mutual Companies.

Recent Mysterious Manœuvering in the Council.

at Letter to Mr. Cobb Brought to Light.

mething That Very Much Resembles Black-Mail.

The history of the gas companies which sup-
the consumers of gas in this city with needl-
light, could it be written from the silent
tings of those who were interested in it,
uld disclose a volume of trickery and sharp
ctice for which no local institution could fur-
a parallel. The wire-pulling and manœuver-
which have been resorted to in order to
e the gas companies in their present posi-
ns toward one another, and toward the pub-
the struggle to gain possession; the schemes
make money, must render the name of car-
retter hydrogen as offensive to the moral
ntrils of the people as the subtle substance it-
f is to our olfactory nerves. The subjoined
tch is not intended to include such a his-
y, but rather to call public atten-
n to the mysterious acting of cer-
n gentlemen, members of the Council,
o have hitherto borne a character for the
rictest integrity, and whose individual upright-
ss has never before been called in question;
d to let the people know what schemes are
ving perpetrated by those who have been elect-
d to represent them in the City Government.

Of the war between the People's Gas and Coke
mpany, on the West Side, and the other com-
ny, which was supplying the city on the South
de, we suppose our citizens need no reminder.
may be summed up briefly in the opening
ords of this article.

About a year and a half ago, three companies
re organized in this city, having for their pro-
essed object the furnishing of gas at cheaper
tes than are now supplied by the South and
West Side companies. These companied ob-
ained a charter, and were known, severally, as
he Mutual, National, and Mercantile Companies,
with the names of several well-known
itizens, as stockholders. They claimed
o have a desire to obtain cheap gas in the city;
o compete with the companies at present en-
aying a monopoly, and to be perfectly just and
upright in their dealings. The applications of
hese companies for permission to lay their
ipes in the city were brought before the Com-
on Council, and referred to the Committee on
Gaslights of that body. The Committee con-
isted of some of the best Aldermen in the
Council, among them Aldermen McGenniss and
Bateham. After long and tedious sessions, at
which the Mayor and Corporation Counsel were
attendants, the Committee drafted an ordinance
which covered the whole ground. It was worded
with scrupulous care, and provided, to speak
generally, that if the companies were
honest corporations, determined to act
upon the principles they professed,
every opportunity should be given them
to secure patronage, but if the propositions
were merely a snare to secure permission to lay
their pipes, and thus annoy the other companies
for purposes of blackmail, they would be effec-
tually prevented from achieving any such dis-
honest and unworthy end. The very first sec-
tion of the ordinance thus prepared reads as fol-
lows:

SECTION 1. That permission and authority be, and
the same are hereby, granted to the Mutual Gaslight
Company of the City of Chicago to lay main pipes,
feeders, and service-pipes on any of the avenues,
streets, highways, alleys, public parks, or squares
throughout the City of Chicago, subject, however, to
all terms and conditions of this ordinance: Provided,
however, that whenever the said Company shall lay
down in any one of these Divisions of said city,—the
South, North, or West Divisions,—any main pipe, it
shall, within six months thereafter, lay down an
amount of main pipe in the West Division, or in either
the North or South Divisions, which will make the
amount of pipe laid in the West Division equal in
amount to the amount laid in the North and South
Divisions.

This report, which was worded alike for the
three companies, came up before the Common
Council May 20, 1871, and has been on the list
of "unfinished business" or reports laid over,
until a few months ago. At that time an
amendment to the ordinances was presented,
utterly sweeping away the protective
barriers which a wise and capable com-
mittee had thrown around the city's interests,
and giving to the three companies privileges
never asked for by the most presumptuous of
corporations. It docked the ordinance of the
first section, and all other conditions and pro-
visions; gave the companies the privilege of
tearing up any streets they thought proper;
laying their pipes in every direction, in cellars,
under sidewalks, on private property, and, in
fact, putting the tax-payers entirely at the
mercy of the companies, and not the tax-payers
only, but the other gas companies.

This amendment came before the Common
Council on Monday evening. No notice had
been given of its revival; three or four Aldermen
only appeared to have known of its coming up;
it was sprung upon the Council in a minute, and
took seven of them by surprise. Those who
watched the manœuvering of affairs in the days
of "the nineteen," as the reporters present had
done, were struck with the similarity of the pres-
ent movement, especially as the opposers of the
amendment were those whose action had entitled
them to the confidence of the community. They
were puzzled to find some Aldermen in favor of
the amendment, who had hitherto kept their
skirts clear. During the debate, Ald. Mc-
Gennies referred to a letter which had been
written on behalf of the so-called National Gas
Company, to Mr. Cobb, President of the Chicago
Gas Company, offering to withdraw all claims to
lay pipe, etc., on payment by the latter of a sum
of money. This letter was not produced at the
time, but will be found below.

Ald. Daggy expressed his determination to
abandon the enterprise should the assertion of
Ald. McGennies be substantiated. Ald. Holden
pledged himself to a similar course. A vote
upon referring the ordinance for engrossment
resulted affirmatively, the vote being:

YEAS—Alds. Daggy, Stone, Schmitz, Tracy, Hickey,
Calkins, Bailey, Powell, Bond, Sweet, Sherwood, Gill,
McGrath, Schmidt, Stout, Langacker, McCaffrey,
Clark, Ogden, and Busse—21.

NAYS—Ots, Dixon, Coey, McGennis, Thompson, Mc-
Avoy, and Bateham—7.

To arrive at the meaning of all this, one must
go back a few months and look at the inside
working of these companies. The National,
with which the present article deals, especially,
proposed to furnish gas at a reduced price, by a
process claimed to have been purchased by the
Company, of which one Brand was the agent.
This process was claimed to furnish gas from
naphtha, or some other preparation, and
to furnish it more cheaply than any
competing company could do; and thus reduce
the rates paid by consumers. As soon as the
company had been organized, Mr. Brand and
others waited upon Mr. Cobb, President of the
South Division Gas Company, and proposed a
compromise. To this proposition no answer was
made. Soon after the fire, Mr. Brand and the
same gentlemen, representing the National Gas
Company, came again to Mr. Cobb and sought
an interview. They claimed that the fire had
greatly injured the stock of the Company; that
it was not worth 25 cents on the dollar, and that
it was in the power of the National Gas Com-
pany to close them up forever. Mr. Cobb in-
quired what they wanted, and how this result
was to be averted.

Mr. Brand said he supposed that $100,000
would cover it, but as the greater number of the
permanent stockholders were in the East, he
would be compelled to confer with them. When
he had learned their intentions, he would write
to Mr. Cobb.

True to his word, Mr. Brand wrote to Mr. Cobb
the following specimen of literature, to which
Ald. McGennies alluded in the Council on Mon-
day night. We give it exactly as written:

FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL, NEW YORK,
Dec. 2, 1871.

— Cobb, Esq.:

DEAR SIR: Agreeable to promise I have consulted
with the parties in interest in the ownership of the
process for Cook County, and although at first they
were of one mind in making another attempt for a
franchise for the South Side, I have persuaded them to
make price for the process for the district occupied by
your Co. It is $150,000. They, however, desire me to
say that it is not an option for a period longer than the
time absolutely required to have a meeting of
your Board, and a consultation with your most
prominent stockholders. It is not the intention of my
associates to be in the least dictatorial, yet they are
fully determined that the process shall be introduced
into your works, either by a sale of the major interest
in the stock of your company; the sale of the pro-
cess; or by the establishment of another company on
the South side. They have just obtained a franchise
for a new company, in Detroit, and will positively have
the works completed and gas introduced by autumn
next. The Mutual Company here are meeting with
very great success in canvassing for consumers, and
will make gas by the first of January. Manhattan
stock has dropped to 2.45, being 65 per cent less than
its value six weeks ago. I wish you would
write me upon receipt of this; your
personal views, that I at least may have something to
fortify my argument against an opposition company in
your district, for the reasons explained you when I
had the pleasure of a personal interview a short time
since in Chicago. Truly yours, C. C. BRAND.

To this letter Mr. Cobb made reply that the
company might do what they pleased, that they
could not injure him, and so forth. Since that
date he has been approached a score of times,
by various persons, and called upon to come to
terms. And, strange as it may appear, on Mon-
day afternoon, a last appeal was made to Mr.
Cobb, and the other officers of the company, to
come to terms.

In justice to the gentlemen whose names were
appended to the list of stockholders, Mr. David
A. Gage and others, it must be stated that they
utterly repudiate any such action. Their desire
was for cheap gas. Mr. Gage, in his capacity of
hotel proprietor, is vitally interested in the gas
question, and he expresses himself as desirous
of securing this alone. The names of such men
are eagerly sought for by fraudulent concerns,
to gild with respectability a corporation whose
composition is in need of some such conceal-
ment. The same intention, without doubt, ac-
tuated the other gentlemen whose names are to
be found in the list of stockholders.

The passage of this ordinance would doubtless
be a triumph for the company, and such a tri-
umph seems to be inevitable. The Aldermen
who so summarily voted for its reference to
engrossment have openly declared war. They
take it for granted that the Mayor will veto it,
but are confident that they can muster enough
(two-thirds of all the Aldermen present,) to pass
it over his veto.

A reporter yesterday endeavored to extract
from the Mayor his views concerning the sub-
ject. He said, in substance, that he was much
surprised to find West Side Aldermen voting for
an ordinance which gave their constituents no
advantage. The West Side Company furnished
gas at nearly a dollar a thousand feet higher
rates than did the South Side Company; and
West Side consumers were debarred from the
advantages of competition, supposing this Com-
pany was sincere in its intentions.
For his part he could not understand
it. As the latter remark was accompanied with
one of his knowing looks, it may be supposed
that he does understand it very thoroughly, and
is fully prepared to make himself pretty dis-
tinctly understood.

The reporter inquired whether he would veto
the ordinance in its present shape. He replied
that his oath required him to protect the inter-
ests of the city, and that no effort would be
spared by him to prevent the passage of any or-
dinance detrimental to the interests of the citi-
zens.

Gas was first introduced into this city in the
year 1849, the original works costing $50,000.
The company which owned them then was the
Chicago Gas Company of to-day, who at that
date could scarcely have expected the many
fights it has been called upon to participate in
during the twenty-three years that have passed
since that time. The opening of the gas works
was a great event in the young city, and people
flocked from far and near to witness the incredi-
ble phenomenon of "air burning at the end of
a tube."

The first consumer of gas in Chicago was Mr.
I. H. Burch, and carbureted hydrogen was used
for illuminating purposes in his bank, the Chi-
cago Bank, on the corner of Lake and Clark
streets, in J. Y. Scammon's old saloon building.

Marvellous are the works of time. Everybody
uses gas now-a-days, or would if the rates were
not too high for ordinary mortals to meet on
pay days. So great is the demand for gas that
people have an idea that the Chicago Gas and
Coke Company is coining money. Mr. Cobb,
President of the Company, announces that for
one week he will sell his stock in the concern
at par.

The old grounds, corner of Adams and Frank-
lin streets, are being sold at $800 a foot, and
the new works are to be built near the Bridge-
port locks. The grounds have been purchased,
and docks are being prepared. The work of
building will commence in the spring.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

Complimentary Entertainment Tendered Mr. John Mahony Last Evening, Previous to His Departure To-Day for Ireland.

Last evening a large number of the friends of
Mr. John Mahony, who has been in this country
the past six years (the greater part of which
time he spent in Chicago), entertained him to a
splendid supper, previous to his departure to-
day for Newport, County Mayo, Ireland. Over
forty persons sat down to supper, which, having
been done ample justice to, several appropriate
toasts were proposed.

Mr. Francis McMahon, in suitable terms, and
in a most complimentary manner, asked the
company to drink the health of Mr. Mahony,
and concluded by wishing him a safe and speedy
voyage across the Atlantic.

Mr. Mahony responded in a vigorous strain,
and his observations elicited loud applause.

Mr Joseph O'Connor, in a happy speech, gave
the toast; "The Union of Irishmen in Ameri-
ca," which was enthusiastically received and
duly honored.

At the request of all present, Mr. Leland
Landers took the floor, and recited, with ac-
curacy and taste, those beautiful poetical pieces,
"Henry of Navarre," and "The Raven."

Several other gentlemen also contributed,
by speeches and recitations, to make the enter-
tainment doubly entertaining, after which Mr.
P. H. Tansey (late of the *Galway Vindicator*,
Ireland,) rose and spoke to the toast of "Our
Absent Friends." In his remarks, Mr. Tansey
dwelt particularly on his connection with Mayo
(while assistant editor and reporter on *The
Telegraph*), and said that—no matter how wide-
ly he might be separated from that fine old
county—he would always cherish, with an ar-
dent affection, the memory of the many pleasant
days he spent in it, and the recollection of the
many warm-hearted and kind friends whose ac-
quaintance he contracted there. He, too, sin-
cerely wished Mr. Mahony a safe and speedy
voyage, and he trusted that when he mingled
once again with the companions of his earlier
days, he would not forget his Chicago friends,
nor omit remembering them to those they know
(and whom they so often think of) in the Old
Land.

Songs then became the order of the evening,
and all who could at all sing were induced to
sing. Mr. Hogan, with much taste, sang "Oh,
would I were a bird," etc. Mr. MacMahon ren-
dered in excellent style that exquisite ballad,
"And doth not a meeting like this make
amends?" Mr. O'Connor sang Longfellow's
best, viz.: "I stood on the bridge," and also
"She wore a wreath of roses." Mr. Landers
sang "Her bright smile haunts me still," and
"The Irish jaunting car." Mr. Tansey sang
"The Home of my Fatherland," "Flow on,
thou shining river," "God bless the friends we
love," "I cannot sing the old songs," "The
Danube River," and "Beautiful Isle of the Sea."
A number of other songs having been rendered,
and all present having spent a most agreeable
evening, the company separated at a pretty ad-
vanced hour,—all wishing Mr. Mahony a pleasant
trip over Neptune's territory.

The Value of Bromo-Chloralum.

In a paragraph referring to the Board of Health,
published in the Sunday TRIBUNE, an injustice was done
to a very worthy article, known as bromo-chloralum.
It would have been odd that, when there was so much
filth there should not also have been a little error,
and the *Times* is pleased to make the correction. The
bromo-chloralum was characterized as a very ineffi-
cient disinfectant, when it would appear, according to
such authorities as Drs. J. Adams Allen, Lyman, Low-
low, Danforth, C. J. Adams, and others, that it is very
efficient, and receives the highest recommendations
from these gentlemen. It is being very generally and
effectively employed in combating the epizootic.—
Chicago Times, Nov. 19.

Real Estate Sale To-day.

The property advertised to be sold at auction to-day
by T. S. Fitch & Co., is most delightfully situated at
Woodlawn Station and near the great South Park, and
presents one of the best bargains in South Side pro-
perty.

Not Burned Out.

The laboratory and warehouse of Joseph Burnett &
Co., the well-known manufacturers of flavoring ex-
tracts, cocoaine, etc., Boston, were saved, and their
business is uninterrupted.

Heat and Irritation of the Scalp.

Burnett's Cocoaine gives immediate relief.

The Saratoga Geyser Water.

Buck & Rayner draw true geyser at the "Spa."

Cod Liver Oil.

Hazard & Caswell's Cod Liver Oil is the best.

VALUABLE CATTLE.

Public Sale of Animals from the Grassmere and Belleview Herds.

Lexington, Ky., and Franklin Grove, Ill., Short Horns Under the Hammer.

The recent public sale of short-horn cattle from
the "Grassmere Herd" of William Warfield, Esq.,
near Lexington, Ky., was quite an event in
short-horn circles. The Warfields, father and
son, are among the veteran breeders of the
country, and the announcement that a draft of
nearly the entire herd would be offered under
the hammer served to attract buyers from all
portions of the country, and, notwithstanding the
day was an unpropitious one, the bidding was an-
imated, and the prices realized, considering the
quality of the stock offered, were satisfactory.
The animals sold comprised 61 head—19 bulls
and 42 females. The bulls sold for $4,060, an
average of almost $214, and ranged in price all
the way from $50 for a Muscatoon calf of last
April, from a miscellaneously-bred cow, to $650
for London Duke 8th, calved last November,
and by the Booth bull Robert Napier, out of a
cow belonging to the celebrated London
Duchess family. The forty-two females sold for
$13,090, an average of $312. Of these, Ella,
sired by the imp. bull Exile 486, sold for $750;
Lucy 18th, with a young bull-calf at her side,
by Muscatoon, sold for $775; Duchess of
Sutherland, the only one of the popu-
lar family offered, sold for $1,050, and
comes to Illinois, J. H. Spears & Son,
Lalinda, being the purchasers; and London
Duchess 6th, the only female of this famous
tribe, in this sale catalogue, sold for $2,025, and
remains in Kentucky, having been purchased by
Mr. W. H. Richardson, an enterprising breeder
near Lexington. The aggregate realized by the
61 animals was $18,150, a total average of $298.
The catalogue embraced all the miscellaneously-
bred animals of the herd, and save in the case of
one male and one female, from the London
Duchess family, and one female of the Duchess
of Sutherland family, the offerings did not
include representatives of any of the families
which have given the Grassmere herd its
reputation. Mr. Warfield has disposed of over
one-half his farm, hence the necessity of re-
stricting his operations as a breeder to the more
popular and finely-bred animals. Fully one-
third of the animals sold were purchased by
Messrs. J. H. Spears & Sons, of Illinois.

WILLIAM STEWART'S SALE, FRANKLIN GROVE, ILL.

The first annual sale of short-horns from the
"Belleview Herd" of William Stewart, Esq.,
Franklin Grove, Lee County, Ill., was held on
the 14th. This is a young herd, which appears
to be in the hands of an enterprising breeder,
and contains many animals of rare value, as
those in attendance at the fall fairs will remem-
ber. The catalogue consisted mainly, however,
of animals of fair average pedigrees, as is
usually the case, with a few animals interspersed
of better breeding and blood. The day proved a
stormy one—a violent snow storm and high
wind all the time, which prevented many buyers
from attending, and seriously interfered with
the comfort of those who did attend. For this
reason the entire catalogue was not gone through
with, many of the choicest animals not being of-
fered at all, though everything called for was
brought into the ring. The number of cattle
sold amounted to 37 head, of both sexes and all
ages, bringing $11,235, an average of something
over $300. Among the cows embraced in
the catalogue was Violets Fourth, a
very fine imported animal from a famous family
in the Old Country, and her bull calf, upon
which Mr. Stewart stipulated for one reserve bid.
These animals were brought into the ring, and
run up to $2,000 for the cow and $1,005 on the
calf, when they were withdrawn on Mr. Stewart's
reserve bids of $2,500 for the one and $1,500 for
the other. The following is a list of females
sold:

McBlie, calved 1861, F. Truman, Dixon, Ill.	$135
Mollie 3d, calved '67, J. C. Salaman, Franklin Grove	205
Mollie, 4th, calved '68, F. Truman, Dixon	135
Milly, calved '69, sold to same	180
Victoria 5th, calved '67, M. Hunt, Ashton, Ill.	800
Clementine, calved '65, J. H. Brigham, Dover, Ill	465
Linda Belle, calved September, '72, to same	150
Roxy, calved November, '69, A. T. Doty, Rochelle, Ill	225
Annie Jones, calved '70, to same	600
Young Madorina, calved '67, Geo. W. Ames, De-Witt, Iowa	200
Queen Victoria, calved March, '72, A. T. Doty	300
Carlotta, calved '67, E. R. Shugart, Princeton, Ill.	290
Mattie Taylor, calved April, '72, M. Wingbart, Franklin Grove	175
Ella Lathrop, calved '68, R. H. Walker, Earlville, Ill.	165
Jennie Morris, calved '71, J. C. Saleman, Franklin Grove	150
Rose 2d, calved '67, R. H. Walker, Earlville	190
Kitty Oliver, calved '71, Dr. Hostetter, Mt. Carroll, Ill	135
Laura Lytton, calved March, '72, to same	270
Dorothy 2d, calved '67, C. H. Green, Ottawa, Ill	105
Lady of the Valley, calved March, '72, to same	200
Ruby, calved '68, E. R. Sughart, Princeton, Ill	300
Maggie Spears, calved '70, J. C. Salaman, Franklin Grove	520
Monica Moore, calved '71, Dr. Hostetter	180

JOSH BILLINGS' LECTURE.

A Large Audience at the Union Park Congregational Church Last Evening—Points of the Lecture which Most Pleased the West Siders.

There was snow on the ground and frost in
the air last night, and yet there was a large au-
dience at the Union Park Church to hear the
lecture by Josh Billings, touching the ways and
fashions of the cockroach, etc., and to see a man
who did not spell well, and was not ashamed of
it. There are many bad spellers in Chicago, and
they turned out last night to see their cham-
pion.

The lecture in question, which was listened to
with exemplary attention, interrupted by much
tittering, frequent laughter, and occasional
frantic applause, touched in rapid succession
upon cockroaches, game cocks, kisses, angle-
worms, meadow moles, etc., and approached
more closely to a comic natural history than
anything else, except it be Josh Billings' comic
almanac. Had the lecturer prefaced each dis-
tinct subject with "January," "February,"
etc., the resemblance would have been perfect,
and the audience would have at once known
what they were listening to.

Many of the sayings of the lecturer would
have been much better received or appreciated
if they had been presented in their usual garb of
bad spelling. Most people take in the humor of
these things by the eye, and not at all by the
ear. Many an individual has sat through Po-
cahontas and never seen a joke; if allowed to
read the play he would see a hundred. Those
observations which were the best often passed
utterly unnoticed,—there was no time to work
them out.

A lecture of this sort, covering so many
points, affords one an opportunity of learning
something about an audience, by noticing what
they most fervently applaud. Four things
were especially cheered, and with those four
things the people present must have been fa-
miliar,—all references to fleas, references to in-
sects which do infect the head, references to
kissing, and references to paper collars. It is,
therefore, to be assumed that these things do
chiefly abound in the West Division.

While the lecture last night was very amusing
and all that, and pleased the citizens of the
West Side immensely, and added greatly to the
popularity of the lecturer, yet all that is fleeting,
—all bound to fade. Soon after this lecture has
been delivered all over the country,—50 cents
admission,—the comic almanac will appear.
Those who heard the lecturer will buy it, and
they will find it is chiefly made up of old lec-
tures, and will become as irritated at Mr. Bil-
lings as they would at a conductor who succeeds
in collecting two fares for the same journey.
This will be a pecuniary success on the part of
Mr. Billings, but it will not increase greatly the
stock of happiness in the United States, for ev-
ery one will be swearing he has been cheated.

Last night, however, everything was lovely.
The managers of the course were satisfied with
the receipts, the lecturer with his reception, and
the audience with what they heard, for while
there were not many things which greatly pleased
all, yet there was something which pleased each,
for such a lecture is like a dinner made up of
scraps and fragments, and bones with a little
meat on them, where each guest can find some-
thing which suits his taste.

AMUSEMENTS.

HOOLEY'S OPERA HOUSE.

An entertainment of a kind somewhat thread-
bare holds the boards at Hooley's this week—
"Schneider," a hodge podge of the "Fritz"
and "Help" order. The play itself is not so
good as either of these; in fact, it is not worth
mentioning; but as it is only meant to be the
pretext for the introduction of songs and dances,
and comic business generally, its dramatic noth-
ingness is of little consequence so long as the
chief object is realized. John Allen, Little Mac,
and Alice Harrison attend to this part of it, and
the combination is a strong one of the kind. In
his dialect songs and character dances, Mr. Allen
is extremely proficient, and he is well supported
by Miss Harrison, a sprightly little lady with a
charming voice and manner of the Lotta stamp,
and very clever with her feet. The concert-room
scene is really excellent, and evidently affords
much satisfaction to the audience, judging from
the number of *encores*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Better houses are the rule at McVicker's, this
week, the last but one of Maggie Mitchell's
engagement. She appears as *Marie* in the
"Pearl of Savoy," one of her strongest and most
popular roles. The attendance at the Academy
of Music last night was fair, and the produc-
tion of "One Wife" was much smoother than
on the first evening. Fox and "Humpty
Dumpty," with a fine list of variety attractions,
are doing well at Aiken's. The Minstrels, at
Myers' Opera House, are making merry over
the "Episcobie" and a bundle of rich humor-
ous items. The Morlacchi dramatic and bal-
let combination is to open at Nixon's Amphi-
theatre next Monday. The place has been sup-
plied with heating apparatus, and will be made
perfectly comfortable.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

The following table shows the result by ma-
jorities, and electoral votes, according to the la-
test returns.

State.	*Grant.*	*Greeley.*	*Electoral Vote.*	
Alabama	6,090	....	10	..
Arkansas	4,839	....	6	..
California	10,673	....	6	..
Connecticut	4,872	....	6	..
Delaware	908	....	3	..
Florida	500	....	4	..
Georgia	....	12,000	..	11
Illinois	55,891	....	21	..
Indiana	23,000	....	15	..
Iowa	60,000	....	11	..
Kansas	33,000	....	5	..
Kentucky	....	10,000	..	12
Louisiana	....	6,700	..	8
Maine	30,434	....	7	..
Maryland	....	1,073	..	8
Massachusetts	74,500	....	13	..
Michigan	50,000	....	11	..
Minnesota	20,000	....	5	..
Mississippi	35,000	....	8	..
Missouri	....	32,621	..	15
Nebraska	10,000	....	3	..
Nevada	2,000	....	3	..
New Hampshire	5,741	....	5	..
New Jersey	14,857	....	9	..
New York	53,416	....	35	..
North Carolina	20,000	....	10	..
Ohio	42,000	....	22	..
Oregon	2,960	....	3	..
Pennsylvania	157,328	....	29	..
Rhode Island	8,338	....	4	..
South Carolina	40,000	....	7	..
Tennessee	....	8,213	..	12
Texas	....	25,000	..	8
Vermont	30,540	....	5	..
Virginia	1,976	....	11	..
West Virginia	1,500	....	5	..
Wisconsin	15,000	....	10	..
Total	783,813	96,007	222	74
Grant's popular majority				687,806
Majority in Electoral College				218

Insurance.

Only the best insurance that can be had is what care-
ful people are procuring just now. The Phenix of
Brooklyn, with cash assets of over two million dollars
on Nov. 1, had, at risk, in the burned district of Bos-
ton $450,000. By declaring moderate dividends, insist-
ing on adequate rates, and thus securing a large sur-
plus fund, in addition to its capital $(1,000,000), the Bos-
ton loss is met with as much promptness, and as little
difficulty, as was the Company's Chicago losses last
year. The income of the Phenix for 1871 was $1,425,-
000. The Company is used to big losses, provides for
them, and will pay them. Parties who desire a Phenix
policy will find R. S. Critchell, Agent, at No. 127 La-
Salle street.

Fifty Per Cent Saved.

No power is so costly as that of human muscle, and
50 per cent of the power required to run a sewing ma-
chine may be saved by using the light-running Domes-
tic. It makes the lock stitch with the least and most
simple machinery of any shuttle sewing machine. It,
therefore, wears less than any other, and combines,
with its remarkable simplicity and economy of run-
ning, great quietness of operation with a wonderful range of
work. It is the Domestic you want. Don't fail to ex-
amine it before you buy. Office at No. 74 State street.

Professional Laughers.

The hilarious Philadelphian known as "Laugh-
ing Bill," whose cachinnatory gifts have gained
him a wide celebrity, and rendered him a terror
to all the theatrical managers who have ever
been afflicted with his patronage, would evident-
ly find his most promising field for attaining
usefulness and popularity in France. In Paris
professional laughers of ability find ready
engagements at the music halls, where
they are scattered among the audiences
to lead the laugh at all comic passages, and by
the contagious influence of their simulated
mirth evoke demonstrations of merriment on
the slightest provocation. In this profession,
however, as in all others, strict attention to duty
is required in order to attain success, as an inci-
dent which occurred recently in a *café chantant*
in the Champs Elysees forcibly illustrates. One
of the professional laughers employed at that
establishment permitted himself to fall into a
doze, and, on suddenly awaking, found, as he
thought, that the performances had arrived at a
stage where his services were imperatively re-
quired, whereupon he immediately worked him-
self into a most excruciating fit of laughter.
The next instant he found himself upon his
back, with about a hundred infuriated Frenchm-
men dancing over his prostrate body. The un-
fortunate man had mistaken his cue, and had
burst out in the midst of a touching couplet
about Alsace and Lorraine.

Mob Law in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 19.—The *Republican* learns,
by private advices, that a Vigilance Committee
has been organized in Layayette County, in this
State, for the purpose of lynching Colonel
Turner, who shot and killed Mr. Groves, a few
days ago, for an alleged libellous publication.
The Sheriff called on citizens to assist him in
preserving peace. A number responded, and
Turner was protected. Since then the vigilants
have notified the citizens who aided the Sheriff
to leave the county, and they have deemed it
expedient to do so.

—Bret Harte is plainly under a cloud in Bos-
ton, owing to the fact that he has broken no less
than three engagements to lecture. Perhaps
they "didn't send a carriage" for him.

—The Rev. Z. M. Humphrey, of Philadelphia
(formerly of Chicago), has returned from his
foreign trip.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial News.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Money was stringent, loaning
at from 7 gold to ¼ per day, with a large portion of
the business at 1-16. Mercantile paper is quoted at 12
@15 per cent. The banks have been calling in their
loans to supply the outward flow of currency, and
there seems to be no immediate relief for the future.

Sterling was heavy and lower, closing at 108@108¼
for 60 days, and 109¾@110 for sight

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

There seems to be no alleviation of the stringency in the local money market. Even the banks that are in the best condition find it difficult to meet the ordinary demands of their regular customers, and are obliged to refuse good paper every day that they would otherwise be glad to take. In the open market money commands from 15 to 18 per cent on undoubted collaterals, and commercial paper cannot be sold better than 2 per cent per month. There is also a good deal of two, three, and four months' paper, secured by mortgages on real estate, offered at 2 per cent per month.

Currency continues to come in from the country pretty freely, but the high price of New York exchange has caused it to be sent forward to New York pretty steadily, and there has not been much accumulation here of either currency or credit during the last week or two.

New York exchange continues firm at 50c to 75c per $1,000 premium between banks.

The discovery that the corn-bins in the elevators recently controlled by Munn & Scott had false bottoms, and were really less than half full when they were made to appear quite full, shows that, a month or two ago, the banks of this city were advancing to a large extent on elevator receipts issued against nothing but emptiness; that, in fact, they were loaning Messrs. Munn & Scott $100,000 to $150,000 on no security at all. Perhaps people will now begin to see the necessity for a radical change in the whole system, that will open the elevator business to the purifying effects of healthy competition.

The reference made in our money article of yesterday to the stock of a new National Bank which had *not* begun business yet being offered below par, was slightly incorrect in the respect that the bank (the "Home") *has* begun business. This correction is made in behalf of the Central National, another new bank of this city which is the only one now organized that has not begun business.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

An examination of the official tabular statement, just published by the Comptroller of the Currency of the reports of the 1,919 National Banks of the United States, shows that their available cash means is equal to about 50 per cent of their demand liabilities except circulation. The true way of calculating the strength of our National Banks to withstand any pressure or panic, is undoubtedly to throw the circulation and the bonds deposited to secure it entirely out of the account. The bonds deposited with the United States Treasurer are ample security for the circulation, and would be considered so even if we were on a specie basis. The entire cash means of the banks is, therefore, the proper measure of their ability to pay depositors. This is the basis upon which we have, for several years past, made our tabulations of the condition of the National Banks of Chicago, and is much more satisfactory to the general public than the mere percentage of legal tenders on hand as compared to circulation and deposits. On Oct. 3, 1872, the 1,919 National Banks of the United States owed demand liabilities as follows: Individual deposits, $613,290,671; due to banks and bankers, $143,836,430; United States deposits, $7,853,772; deposits of United States disbursing officers, $4,563,833; unpaid dividends, $3,149,749. Total demand liabilities, $772,694,455.

To meet any pressure for liquidation of the foregoing they had cash means on hand as follows: Legal tender notes, $102,074,104; specie, $10,229,756; National Bank notes, $15,787,296; fractional currency, $3,151,747; Clearing House checks, $110,686,515; due from banks and bankers, $128,180,542; United States certificates of deposit, $6,710,000; Clearing House certificates, $8,632,000; 3 per cent certificates, $1,555,000. Total, $385,406,760, or nearly 50 per cent of the demand liabilities.

The amount of United States bonds deposited to secure circulation is $332,046,400, and the amount of National Bank notes outstanding is $333,495,027. Even counting these bonds at par, there is a margin of $48,551,000 over and above what would be required to pay their outstanding circulation, or enough to pay 6 per cent more on all their demand liabilities. All this leaves out of consideration yet the principal resource of the banks in their loans to the amount of $872,520,140.

The observations made above in regard to the security of the National Bank circulation remind us to say in the same connection that the

DANGER FROM DRAINS OF SPECIE,

which seems to be the great bugaboo of all the inflationists, who are opposed to getting back to specie payments, is almost nothing compared to what it was under the old system of banking. Mr. Boutwell, and even so respectable an authority as the New York *Financial Chronicle*, have assumed that if we were on a specie basis, any monetary trouble in Europe would immediately drain away all the specie reserves of the banks and make a panic. Now, it must be borne in mind that we have never had a secured paper-money circulation before the National Bank currency, and that in all panics previous to 1861, the panic was caused mainly by a fear that if a considerable part of the specie reserves were drawn out of the banks the *currency* would not be redeemed at all. The panics we have had in the United States have all been attributable to doubts of the paper money being redeemed. But with the National Bank currency there could be no such doubts, no matter how much of a drain of specie there might be to Europe. The holders of this currency would know that if the National Banks could not redeem their notes in specie, the Government would sell their bonds and redeem it for them.

Dulled from the consideration of the currency, the idea of preventing a drain of capital from this country by a continuance of a suspension of specie payments is a most nonsensical one. The most that Europe could do, in any case, would be to draw from this country just what was due her, and what was her right to have, and there would be no artifice of legislation or finance that could prevent the capital going where it belonged, except downright repudiation, which is only a milder name for swindling. There has been a vast amount of astute bosh written about the danger of drains of specie to Europe if we were on a specie basis. If the specie was drained off to Europe it would only show that we did not own it, and had no business to hold it. The fact that while specie payments are suspended we can always retain the same nominal amount of, say, $700,000,000 of paper money in circulation, does not prove that we prevent any capital from going abroad, or that we retain a dollar more here by that means. If there is a great drain of specie, gold advances, or, in other words, currency declines, showing that the total volume of irredeemable paper currency, no matter whether it was $700,000,000 or $1,000,000,000, would only represent the amount of actual floating capital in the country. Whenever the proportion of real capital was diminished by a drain of specie or any other kind of wealth, the fixed volume of irredeemable paper money would shrink in value. The same would be the case whenever the volume of irredeemable paper money was increased more than the increased proportion of actual wealth. In this connection we reprint from the Pittsburgh *Commercial* a paragraph which seems to have been called out by the

IGNORANCE OF BUSINESS MEN

on the subject of currency, viz.:

It seems strange that we have here among our business men persons managing successfully great iron works, factories and banks, who seem not to know that money is not value, but only the representative of value, and that by an increase of paper money we do not increase the wealth of the country by a single mill; and that although prices will advance values must become unsettled, and adjusting themselves to the increased volume of irredeemable currency.

With a good many, however, who are yet distant, even in this city, for the Secretary to use his arrogated power to issue more currency, the object of their solicitude for more currency is to be able to pay debts with paper dollars depreciated more than they are now. In short, they would like to see the price of paper money depreciated so that they could nominally pay their debts.

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean quote prices in this market, this afternoon, as follows:

	Buying.	Selling.
U. S. 6s of '81	118⅜	118⅝
5-20s of '62, ex. int	113⅛	113½
5-20s of '64, ex. int	112⅛	112⅝
5-20s of '65, ex. int	112⅛	112⅝
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	114⅜	114⅝
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	115¼	115½
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	115	115⅜
10-40s	108½	108¾
U. S. 5s (new issue), ex. int	109½	109⅝
U. S. currency 6s	117⅜	117⅝
Illinois 7s, Gold 5-20s		110 and int.
Chicago City 7s		99 and int.
Cook County 7s		99 and int.
Illinois, County and Township 10s	93@95	
Sterling Exchange, (large drafts)	108½@110⅞	

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Tuesday, Nov. 19:

CITY PROPERTY.

Lot 62, in Walker's Block 3, of s w ¼, Sec 20, 39, 14, dated Nov. 4: consideration, $900.

Whiting st, 160 ft e of North Wells st, s f, 48x100 ft, dated Aug. 7; consideration, $4,000.

North st, bet Mohawk and Hurlbut sts, n f, Lot 28, dated Oct. 26; consideration, $3,000.

Sub-lot of Lot 8, in Block 2, in original town of Chicago, dated July 24; consideration, $2,000.

The premises Nos. 46 and 48 Hamilton av, dated Nov. 16; consideration, $10,000.

Ashland av, n w cor of Thirty-first st, Block 1, dated Oct. 30; consideration, $30,000.

Fullerton av, bet Larrabee and Hurlbut sts, n f, 50 ft, dated April 1; consideration, $5,500.

Lot 2, cor of Division st, 5 91-100 acres, dated Sept. 12; consideration, $20,000.

Kinzie st, bet North Wells and LaSalle sts, n f, 19 5-14 ft, dated Nov. 18; consideration, $4,000.

Indiana av, 200 feet s of Thirty-fourth st, e f, 50x 160 7-10 ft, dated Nov. 9; consideration, $6,000.

Fulton st, bet Jefferson and Clinton sts, s f, Lots 1 to 8, dated July 11; consideration, $15,807.

Lots 29 and 30, in Block 5, Millard & Decker's e ½ of e ¼ of n ¼ Sec. 26, 39, 13, dated Nov. 7; consideration, $2,237.

Turner av, n w cor of Clayton st, and ¼ of entire Block, dated Oct. 21; consideration, $8,333.

E ½ of n w ¼ of n e ¼ Sec. 26, 39, 13, dated Sept. 19; consideration, $40,000.

Summer st, n w cor of Thirtieth st, e f, 25½x124 ft, dated Oct. 23; consideration, $900.

Southwestern av, s w cor of and near Flournoy st, e f, 24 ft to alley, dated Aug. 1; consideration, $1,600.

Forquer st, bet Jefferson and Clinton sts, s f, 25x119 ft, dated Nov. 13; consideration, $1,025.

De Kalb st, bet Flournoy and Lexington sts, w f, 24 ft to alley, dated Nov. 15; consideration, $750.

Lot 93, s ½ Blocks 55 and 56, in Sec 19, 39, 14, dated Sept. 20; consideration, $700.

Lot 95, in same, dated Sept. 20; consideration, $700.

Walnut st, bet Lincoln and Wood sts, s f, 25 ft to alley, dated Nov. 18; consideration, $4,000.

Larrabee st, bet Menomonee and Lincoln sts, w f, 25 ft to alley, dated Nov. 19; consideration, $3,200.

Lot 46, in Block 2, of Cushman's resubdivision of n ½ Block 4, Sheffield's Addition, dated Oct. 19; consideration, $1,100.

Lot 2, in Rowley's part of n ½ Block 31, w of railroad, in Sec 33, 39, 14, dated April 1; consideration, $1,500.

High st, bet Fullerton and Belden avs, w. f, 80 ft to alley, with improvements, dated Nov. 19; consideration, $1,400.

The premises No. 632 Washington av, dated Nov. 19; consideration, $1,500.

Lot 5, in Block 2, in Eberhart et al Block 16, of Wright & Webster's n e ¼ Sec 12, 39, 13, dated Oct. 1; consideration, $900.

Johnson place, bet Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth sts, w f, 25½x116 ft, dated Nov. 15; consideration, $2,200.

Oakley st, s of and near Polk st, e f, 33x125½ st, dated Oct. 10; consideration, $1,000.

Wilcox st, 503 2-10 ft w of California st, s f, 50x124 ft, dated Nov. 1; consideration, $1,700.

North av, 72½ ft w of Shober st, s f, 48x130 ft, dated Nov. 18; consideration, $1,850.

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Wrightwood av, 197 ft e of Racine av, s f, 25x124¾ ft, dated Nov. 12; consideration, $800.

Wrightwood av, 147 ft e of Racine av, s f, 25x124¾ ft, dated Nov. 12; consideration, $800.

Lots 13 to 16, in Block 1, in Culver's Lake Front Addition, dated Oct. 19; consideration, $9,000.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

North 35 of s 50 ft of Lot 2, in Block 19, Hyde Park, dated Nov. 18; consideration, $2,800.

Lot 1, in Bunnell's Subdivision of Block 1, in Pryor's n e ¼ Sec 4, 38, 14, dated Nov. 1; consideration, $1,480.

Lot 21, in Wing's Block 4, in Pryor & Hopkins' w ½ of n w ¼, Sec 3, 38, 14, dated Oct. 14; consideration, $2,500.

Lots 1, 2, 10, and 11, in Block 1, of Phare's e ½ of s w ¼, Sec 12, 38, 13, dated Oct. 6; consideration, $1,016.

Sixty-second st, 482 110 8-12 ft, in Block 11, in Bell's Subdivision in Sec 17, 38, 14, dated Oct. 2; consideration, $600.

COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING, Nov. 19.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in this city during the past twenty-four hours; and for the corresponding date a year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1872.	1871.	1872.	1871.
Flour, brls	8,305	4,417	5,922	3,209
Wheat, bu	37,470	41,133	70,023	36,000
Corn, bu	40,517	274,780	15,738	214,057
Oats, bu	31,162	37,805	30,774	9,485
Rye, bu	2,737	4,670	1,589	8,560
Barley, bu	29,950	9,885	8,958	34,500
Grass seed, lbs	33,600	130,140	11,640	53,950
Flax seed, lbs	67,485	18,000	41,500	
Broom corn, lbs	9,400	97,376	17,650	
Cured meats, lbs	178,870	37,810	532,500	342,270
Beef, brls		1,405	130	2,991
Pork, brls		19	4,174	28
Lard, lbs	10,140	25,430	366,945	345,360
Tallow, lbs	10,400	60,650		210,000
Butter, lbs	60,970	65,681		6,000
Dressed hogs, No.	9	47		
Live hogs, No.	1,570	11,982	3,192	2,923
Cattle, No.	1,959	2,624	1,038	436
Sheep, No.	487	247		
Hides, lbs	192,375	245,355	71,150	22,220
Highwines, brls	202	331	340	346
Wool, lbs	31,738	131,004	83,200	4,400
Potatoes, bu	1,220	2,886		100
Lumber, m feet	7,950	3,821	1,780	1,061
Shingles, m	746	4,083	693	684
Lath, m	1,000		150	150
Salt, brls	12,082		2,545	1,789

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 536 bu wheat; 5,161 bu corn; 3,221 bu oats; 714 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 60 cars wheat; 69 cars corn; 15 cars oats; 7 cars rye; 27 cars barley. Total, 178 cars, or 70,000 bu.

The statement made this morning by the Grain Registrar, and reported below, was received on Change to-day very tamely, considering its importance. The fact that Munn & Scott had been guilty of flooring over many of their grain bins, near the top, and covering these false "bottoms" with a thin layer of grain for the purpose of — (not to be libellous, we will not say why) was certainly unknown before. But then, the Munn & Scott system of running grain elevators (into the ground) has been such a stench in the nostrils of our grain dealing community for years past, that the revelation of an additional stink was not of much importance in the general aggregate—albeit the worst phase of all.

The circumstances under which this fraud was committed are of some interest. When the proposition was made in August last to measure up the grain in the different elevators, Munn & Scott signified their willingness to have their houses submitted to the examination; but stated that they would prefer that some other houses should be measured first. This desire was not unreasonable in that it was at once deferred to; especially as Munn & Scott are understood to have urged that to "take their measure" first might be construed into a proof that they were the parties especially aimed at in the movement. The time occupied in measuring up the others seems to have been improved (?) to put in these false bottoms, which were so near the top of the first real bottom soon fell out of their precious scheme, and left it exposed, in all its enormity, to the gaze of a bewildered world. There is still another point in this connection which is not so generally known. It is that the measures of any section in the elevator can be taken by a man who had been employed as inspector there for years, and was discharged some two years ago by the then Chief Inspector, McChesney, but reinstated in deference to a unanimous howl on the part of the warehousemen—led by Munn & Scott. Putting this and that together, it seems very strange that he, of all others, should have been chosen to take those measures, especially after the impropriety of the choice had been suggested; and it is still more strange that his long course of acquaintance with those bins, and their contents, did not enable him to detect the fraud *at the time*. It is probable that the gentleman was himself cheated, but the whole proceeding is so extremely queer that it ought to be investigated. Perhaps a strict inquiry might result in proving to the Board of Trade that they owe an acknowledgment to Mr. McChesney, whose honesty would seem to have been the great obstacle to his continuance in office.

It is only proper to say that these revelations are now barrel-less. George Armour & Co. have already bought up in the open market a sufficient amount of the old Munn & Scott paper to balance the account with grain owners, to within a few thousand bushels either way; they could not tell the exact extent of their liabilities till all the paper was presented, and holders have been remarkably slow in giving them the opportunity to find out how much paper was out against the houses for which Armour & Co. have recently become wholly responsible. It is now definitely ascertained that at the time of that bogus measurement one bank alone held Munn & Scott's wheat paper for a little more wheat than that virtuous firm had in store in all their houses. There is no harm in stating the fact, now that the superfluous paper has been withdrawn from circulation; had it been known a few weeks ago, the consequences would probably have been most disastrous.

The most curious part of the affair is that Munn & Scott should have fallen so low as to place themselves at the mercy of their employes, who were engaged in constructing the false bottoms aforesaid, and of all the others who were cognizant of it. And memory recalls, in this connection, the indignant denial of one of these two gentlemen, when the warehouse system was partially ventilated in THE TRIBUNE, two years ago; he said it was ridiculous to suppose that they could be guilty of certain practices, which would place them at the mercy of their workmen. It might then have been ridiculous, but now it is lamentably true.

We know not if the Board of Trade will take any action in the matter. Because the Board can spend two or three days in discussing the conduct of a member, the extent of whose *alleged* default is measured by a few hundred dollars, it does not follow that Munn & Scott will be looked after. The big fish are not always caught because the meshes of the net entangle the little ones. Nevertheless, it is becoming a serious question whether the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago can afford to omit action in the Munn & Scott case. The Board has steadily averted its gaze from Munn & Scott for years past, though its attention has often been directed that way; can it refuse to recognize the stench now that it is thrust under the nostrils of that honorable body?

We alluded this morning to a combination among the packers of this city and elsewhere to keep down the price of hogs during the current winter. It was stated to-day that some of their number held a meeting last evening, at which it was revealed that the scheme will not work without the co-operation of the men who buy for shipment to Eastern markets, and that those gentlemen are not in accord with the movement. A committee was appointed to call upon the shippers and see if some arrangements can be entered into whereby the price may be kept down within what *they* think to be reasonable limits. What they will accomplish remains to be seen; but, pending the settlement of the difficulty, operations in provisions are nearly at a stand-still.

THE MARKETS.

There was a general upward movement in produce circles to-day, especially in grain, which was excited by the fact of light receipts, and partially by the revelations of Munn & Scott's conduct in covering over their empty bins, and making believe they were full of grain. The question "how much grain have we in store?" was not answered by the Bulletin report, which was not altered to correspond with the deficiencies discovered in the houses till recently controlled by Munn & Scott. With light stocks in store, and light receipts, the short interest grew scared, and forced up prices in the attempt to recover their balance. The demand for groceries was comparatively light, and a less buoyant tone pervaded the market, though, aside from an ⅛c decline in coffee sugars, no change is to be noted. In the dry goods market a reasonably active business was doing, and prices were again quoted firm all around. Two or three brands of bleached cottons were advanced a ½c, with which exceptions quotations were the same as at the close of last week. The demand for butter and cheese was only moderate, and former rates were no more than sustained. Coal continues active, and is firmly held at $11.00@12.00 for Lackawanna, and at $10.50@11.00 for Erie. Dealers are only partially filling orders, and there is much complaint among consumers at the delays, which, however, are unavoidable. Fish met with a light demand at former quotations. Dried fruits were in good request, with prices generally firmer, though, aside from a slight advance in pared peaches there was no quotable change. The hay market was firmer. The demand was comparatively small, but the horse disease having extended to the country has caused a diminished supply of this staple, and there are indications of an early advance. Hides were moving on a more liberal scale, but the increased demand did not materially influence prices, which remain weak, as previously quoted. The demand for leather is more active and the market strong at higher prices. Oils remain quiet with little change in values. Paints and colors were quoted dull. Tobacco and wood met with a moderate inquiry at former quotations. Trade at the lumber yards was fairly active for day, previous prices being fully sustained. A very good inquiry prevailed for lime, cement, &c.; dealers are not able to make deliveries fast enough. Brick was rather quiet, the cold weather having suspended building operations for the present. Furs are in fair and increasing demand; prices are hardly established as yet; our list gives the prices for prime skins; Minnesota and Northern furs are a trifle higher. Iron and steel, metals and nimmerz stock, continue to meet with a fair demand at former prices. Hops are in moderate local and interior demand for current necessities. The wool market continues firm; dealers are asking more for their property, but do not anticipate an extremely high range of prices at present; stocks here are very low. The seed market was again quiet. Clover was firm at $5.10 for prime. Timothy steady, $2.90 being offered for prime seed, with none in the market. Flax was higher, $1.60 being paid for good crushing. Potatoes were quiet and firm; very few car lots have been received this week, owing to the cold weather; peachblows are quotable at 50@60c in car lots. Poultry was in large supply and dull. Live poultry is almost unsalable, the season being over. Game was fairly supplied with ready sale at present quotations. Apples are in very good demand and firm, at $2.50@3.20 per brl in car lots. Cranberries in very fair request from the interior; prices are steady at $10.00@11.50 per brls for cultivated. Grapes are in moderate demand at $2.75@3.50 per case.

Highwines were quiet, at about the same range as yesterday, and reported firm by some, though New York was dull. Sales were reported of 50 brls at 90c, and 150 brls at 89c per gallon.

Lake freights were less active, being quoted 1c higher, at 11c on corn to Buffalo, by sail; and 16½c for do to Oswego. A total of 6 charters was reported, which will carry out 160,000 bu corn. There was no demand for wheat room; nominal at 12c to Buffalo. Carriers seemed careless about moving vessels, owing to the fact that winter has already commenced, and may close up navigation almost any day, while shippers did not care to operate, except in corn, as they claimed that the advance in grain took the market out of their fingers.

Foreign freight rates are thus quoted: Chicago to Liverpool, 9½@9¾c per 100 lbs (gold) on beef and pork; do to Glasgow, 9½c on flour. Chicago to Glasgow, 9½c on beef; 9c on pork; 9¾c on bacon and lard.

Dressed hogs were nominally unchanged at 4½@4¾c bid and 4¾@5c per lb asked for fair to choice.

Provisions were quiet, owing to the uncertainty attending the question of prices of hogs, as buyers and sellers of product are all at sea in reference to the future of the market. Mess pork was firmer for the future, with little doing, there being several bids at former quotations, while sellers asked an advance. Cash pork was a shade easier on new; nominally unchanged on old. Lard was firmer, with buyers at yesterday's quotations for near deliveries, and ⅝c higher for March. Meats are firm but quiet and unchanged, buyers holding off for everything but hams, which are in fair demand. Market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, old held at $14.50@15.00; new pork, $13.00 @13.25; do seller the month nominal at $12.75 @13.00; do seller December, $12.30@12.40; do seller January, $12.25@12.30; do seller February, $12.25@12.30; do seller March, $12.25@ 12.37½; do seller April, $12.25@12.50. Lard, cash, 7½@7¾c for new; do seller December, 7¾c; do; seller January, 7¾c; do seller February, 7⅞@7¾c; do seller March, 7¾c. Old salted shoulders, 4½c; short ribs, 7@7¼c; other descriptions entirely nominal. Sweet pickled hams, 9¾@10¼c, and green hams at 7¾@7¾c for present delivery or seller November; 7¾@ 7¾c seller December or January. Green shoulders, 3¾@3½c; do rough sides, 6¾@5¾c; do short ribs, 5@6¾c; do short clear, 6¾c; meats, 15 to 20 days in salt, quotable at 4¾c for shoulders; 6¼@6¾c for short ribs, and 6¾@7c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, seller December, quoted at 4¾c. English meats, for delivery in December and January, 6¼@ 6¾c for Cumberlands; 6¼c for short ribs, or long clear; 6⅝@6¾c for short clear; 8¾@8¾c for long cut hams. Mess beef, $8.50@ 9.00; extra mess do, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $29.00@30.00. City tallow, 6@6½c; grease quotable at 5½@6¼c. Sales were reported of 275 brls new pork (in small lots) at $13.50; 10 brls do at $13.25; 500 brls do, seller January, at $12.25; 550 tcs lard at 7¾c; 200 tcs do at $6.95 per 100 lbs; 500 tcs do, seller March, at 7¾c; 100 boxes shoulders, seller the month, at 4¾c; 40,000 lbs green hams at 7¾c; 20,000 lbs do at 7¾c; 20,000 lbs do (average 15¾ lbs) at 7¾c; 5,000 pcs do, seller December and January, at 7¾c; 50 tcs sweet pickled hams at 11c; 250 brls extra mess beef at $10.00; 50 brls mess beef at $9.00; 117 brls tallow at 8c.

Flour was in better demand on spring grades, while winters were dull. The firmer feeling in wheat caused more willingness on the part of flour buyers to take hold at previous prices, but holders could not command an advance, and few of them asked for it, the stiffness in wheat being generally regarded as due to short pressure, and not likely to be permanent. Buckwheat was stronger; rye in fair demand, and bran firmer. Sales were reported of 100 brls white winter extras at $9.00; 100 brls do (Wisconsin) at $6.50; 225 brls do on private terms; 100 brls spring extras at $6.75; 300 brls do at $6.60@ 50 brls do at $6.25; 1,400 brls do on private terms; 100 brls superfines at $3.70; 100 brls do at $3.50; 100 brls do at $3.00; 25 brls rye flour (Rock River) at $4.00; 100 brls rye at $3.60; 300 brls do on private terms; 25 brls buckwheat (Early Riser) at $7.00; 50 brls do at $7.00. Total, 3,078 brls. Also, 20 tons bran at $10.50; 10 tons do at $10.00 on track. The following is the range of prices:

Fair to choice winter extras	$7.50@ 9.75
Red winter extras	6.50@ 7.50
Good to choice spring extras	5.50@ 6.50
Low to medium	4.50@ 5.25
Good to fancy Minnesota	5.75@ 7.00
Spring superfines	3.00@ 4.25
Rye flour	3.75@ 4.00
Buckwheat flour	6.50@ 7.00
Bran	10.00@10.50
Middlings	11.00@11.0

Wheat was active and irregular, at an average advance of 2@2½c. New York was quoted firmer; but the causes of the further advance were chiefly local. The stock in store is light, and our receipts are small, being only 37,470 bu this morning, with 20,000 bu inspected in for to-morrow. With this came the fear that all the wheat now here, and the bulk of the options sold, are in the hands of one man, while the sharp advance of yesterday had caused one or two small failures, which obliged some operators to buy in "to protect themselves." This filling in being accomplished before the close of the session, the market weakened subsequently, especially as several lots which had been held for shipment were thrown upon the market after 12 o'clock, the holders whereof had despaired of being able to send it forward, except by rail. Of course, there was no buying for shipment under the circumstances, but the parties who own the grain now in store here freely take hold of the nearer current receipts. The speculative trading was not so largely in settlement as yesterday, when most of the outside deals were probably settled. Seller December opened at $1.08¾, advanced to $1.09, receded to $1.08¾, advanced to $1.10, and declined to $1.08¾ at the close. Seller the month averaged 2½@3c below, and seller January ½@¾c above, December, the highest sale being $1.10½. Seller January closed at $1.09. Seller last half of December closed at $1.10. No. 1 spring was quiet at $1.18 bid; No. 2 do closed at $1.08¾@ 1.08⅝; No. 3 do at 97c, and rejected do at 85@85½c. Cash sales were reported of 8,200 bu No. 2 spring at $1.09¾; 48,800 bu do at $1.09¾; 19,800 bu do at $1.09¼; 22,800 bu do at $1.08; 8,200 bu No 2 spring at 98c; 1,600 bu do at 97½c; 19,200 bu do at 97c; 1,200 bu rejected spring at 86c; 400 bu do at 85½c; 1,600 bu do at 85c. Total, 131,000 bu.

Corn was more active, and strong at an average advance of ¾c per bu, under the influence of light receipts, and small stocks in store, aided to reports of greater strength in New York. When all the vessels are loaded that have been chartered, we shall have but little more than 200,000 bu corn "of all grades" afloat here, and that held by one man or combination, while the inspection has fallen off to only 69 cars this morning. Those facts made the shorts interest nervous, especially as all the current offerings were picked up out of their reach at prices with which they could not compete. Some operators think that the market for this month is effectually cornered, and that the squeeze experienced within two weeks will be a very sharp one, as they think there is yet a very long line of shorts out. Seller the month opened at 32½c, advanced to 33¾c, and closed at 32¾c. Seller December sold at 31¾@32c, closing at 31⅝c. Seller January sold at 31¾@32¼c, and seller May and June at 33c. Strictly fresh receipts closed at 33c, and rejected firm at 30c. Sales were reported of 5,000 bu No. 2 at 33⅝c; 75,000 bu do at 33½c; 39,000 bu do at 33¾c; 55,000 bu do at 33c; 10,000 bu do at 32¾c; 25,000 bu do at 32½c; 10,000 bu do at 32¾c; 15,600 bu rejected at 30c. Total, 235,200 bu.

Oats were active, and averaged ½c higher under a good demand, both speculative and for the local feed trade, while receipts were light, and are expected to continue light for some days to come. Seller the month opened at 22½c, and advanced to 23c. Seller December sold at 23½@23¾c, and seller January at 23¾@24¼c, all closing at the outside. Strictly fresh receipts of No. 2 closed at 23¾c. Rejected was in good demand at 20c. Cash sales were reported of 3,600 bu No. 2 at 23½c; 9,000 bu do at 23¾c; 4,800 bu do at 23c; 4,000 bu do at 22¾c; 600 bu rejected at 21½c; 3,000 bu do at 21c; 600 bu do at 20c. Total, 22,600 bu.

Rye was quiet, but advanced 1¼c, the offerings not being equal to the demand; closing strong. Cash sales were restricted to 1,200 bu No. 2 at 55c; 400 bu do at 54½c; and 400 bu rejected at 50c. Total, 2,000 bu.

Barley was in active demand on No. 2, which advanced rapidly, at one time 6c per bu over the highest price of yesterday, but closed easier. The demand was speculative, and born of small receipts on a market said to be largely oversold. No. 2 opened at 68c, advanced to 69¼c, and closed at 68c. Seller the month sold at 66@68c, closing at 66c. No. 3 was irregular. Central and Northwestern receipts were dull at 51c, while Rock Island and Airmont, Dell & Co.'s are reported sold at 54@55c, being wanted by parties who will probably *change* it into No. 2. Cash sales were reported of 6,000 bu No. 2 at 69¼c; 7,200 bu do at 69c; 400 bu do at 68¾c; 2,400 bu do at 68c; 800 bu No. 3 at 55c; 1,600 bu do at 54c; 1,200 bu do at 53c; 2,400 bu do at 51¼c; 2,000 bu do at 51⅛c; 5,600 bu do at 51c; 800 bu rejected at 42c; 9,000 bu do at 41c; 5,200 bu do 40c; 400 bu by sample at 80c; 400 bu do at 75c; 1,600 in do at 69¾c; 3,200 bu do at 69c; 400 bu do at 68¾c; 1,600 bu do at 68c; 400 bu do at 67c. Total, 51,600 bu.

The following is the official report of the stocks of grain in store in this city on the evening of Saturday last, and at corresponding dates:

	WHEAT.			
	Nov. 16, '72.	Nov. 9, '72.	Nov. 18, '71.	
No. 1 amber			1,395	
No. 2 amber			997	
No. 1 red	50	50	393	
No. 2 red	1,597	1,597	5,153	
No. 3 winter	1,799	1,799	7,633	
No grade winter			688	
No. 1 spring	23,514	45,899	2,688	
No. 2 spring	413,989	464,208	8,074	
No. 3 spring	132,033	152,973	26,094	
No. 1 hard spring	39,555	40,105		
No. 2 hard spring	27,801	24,587	847	
Rejected spring	42,102	45,292	22,054	
No grade spring	329	329	1,353	
Total	698,519	774,811	764,949	
	CORN.			
White	2,561	2,541	397	
Yellow	11,727	12,079	39,686	
No. 1	198,960	169,625	46,070	
No. 2	587,309	1,083,153	561,439	
Rejected	24,641	7,994	183,145	
No. 2 kiln dried	8,789	11,745	2,765	
Rejected kiln dried	2,290	2,610	120	
No grade			1,452	
Total	829,207	1,289,337	835,124	
	OATS.			
No. 1	7,599	7,699	11,419	
No. 2	856,094	725,079	261,016	
Rejected	40,754	87,144	52,802	
No grade	1,516	1,516	4,363	
Total	515,873	814,421	349,844	
	RYE.			
No. 1	4,427	5,212	28,994	
No. 2	123,742	132,528	207,115	
Rejected	4,063	6,135	11,785	
No grade				
Total	132,232	143,875	277,844	
	BARLEY.			
No. 1				
No. 2	111,507	143,326	309,353	
No. 3	108,459	106,166	106,829	
Rejected	86,353	89,042	10,025	
No grade	415	1,344		
Total	306,734	340,185	426,151	

Total, 2,582,565 bu. These figures show a decrease during the past week of 76,292 bu wheat; 460,130 bu corn; 203,548 bu oats; 11,643 bu rye; 33,451 bu barley. Total decrease, 785,064 bu.

The figures of decrease are undoubtedly correct; but for the amounts in store we should subtract the deficiencies in wheat and corn noted a week ago. We shall then have 582,257 bu wheat and 726,567 bu corn.

Mr. Clary, the Registrar of Grain, appends to the above report the following significant document:

"In my report, however, I continue the account from my books of grain in store in the Munn & Scott Elevators. The present proprietors are to begin at once to weigh the grain in those houses, and I expect next week to report the correct amounts. Agreeably to my promise last week, to examine and report upon the cause of the discrepancies between my books and the 'estimate' of George Armour & Co. I have to state that my accounts are correct, based upon the 'measurement' in August last. The Inspectors engaged in that measurement inform me that they were grossly deceived at the time; that they have *positive proof* that many of the bins represented to be full were boarded over, near the top, and contained only a covering of grain."

The New York *Produce Exchange Circular* gives the following as the foreign exports of provisions from New York for the week ended Nov. 12, 1872, and the distribution of same:

To	Pork, brls.	Beef, pkgs.	Lard, lbs.	Bacon, lbs.	Cheese, lbs.
Liverpool	80	250	54,929	1,175,402	201,234
London	779	100	88,114		211,117
Glasgow	50	50		41,920	30,000
Bristol		250	5,146	145,110	6,000
Cardiff	150		7,500	75,313	84,718
Marseilles			28,206	60,067	
Hamburg			205,046	161,000	
Antwerp			1,650,005	11,207	
Bremen		5	3,242	19,000	
W. Indies	1,953	150	655,689	358,444	21,003
B. N. A. Col	510	250		1,981	
S. America	250	50	13,550	10,000	7,933
N. Grenada		25	147,400	5,957	
Brazil		10	28,502		
Venezuela			2,000	2,000	453
Arg. Republic			22,222		
Total	3,716	1,977	3,911,154	2,354,071	477,008
Week Nov. 5	1,228	2,039	2,606,492	1,920,840	866,790
Week Oct. 28	1,846	1,400	2,660,744	1,749,425	1,020,879
Week Oct. 21	1,466	1,848	2,165,234	1,853,828	1,726,677
Week Oct. 14	3,579	1,616	2,162,234	1,853,828	1,726,677

And 456,936 lbs butter, 420 lbs stearine, 22,227 lbs grease.

And from Oct. 29 to Nov. 12, inclusive, for three years:

	1872-73.	1871-72.	1870-71.
Pork, brls	4,015	5,190	2,320
Beef, pkgs	4,018	6,262	4,043
Lard, lbs	6,467,651	5,142,953	1,370,689
Bacon, lbs	4,173,911	4,922,954	641,185
Butter, lbs	243,650	979,566	45,972
Cheese, lbs	1,663,308	1,749,799	2,589,329

BOARD OF HEALTH.

...the Healthiest in Four ...
...t Months.

...s of Small-Pox and the ...
...ious Diseases.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

TO RENT—ROOMS.

TO RENT—AT NO. 42 ASHLAND AV. (O. HAL...

TO RENT—ROOMS, SOUTH DIVISION.

TO RENT—A FURNISHED FRONT ROOM, WITH ...

TO RENT—ROOMS AND BOARD AT 46 WEST ...

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FOREIGN.

Serious Entanglement in the French Government.

Thiers Threatens to Resign the Presidency---Views of His Opponents.

German Geographical Explorations--Spain to Have Trial by Jury Next Month.

The London Police on a Strike.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—It is probable that in consequence of the small majority in the National Assembly, yesterday, on the adoption of the vote of confidence demanded by President Thiers, His Excellency will ask for another vote.

PARIS, Nov. 19—Afternoon.—President Thiers to-day [illegible] proceedings in the Assembly, and passed a sleepless night. He declares that he will resign, unless the resolution of confidence receives a full vote and a larger majority.

The Deputies of the Left held a meeting to-day, and voted to send a delegation to the President to dissuade him from his purpose. The deputation waited on the President this afternoon. Thiers told them he was still inclined to tender his resignation, as his health had been affected. The course of the Right rendered it impossible for him to conduct the Government. The army was faithful, and would insure the orderly transmission of power to his successor. The delegation assured the President that the Left would introduce constitutional projects in harmony with his views to-morrow or Thursday, the passage of which would be fully equivalent to a vote of confidence.

PARIS, Nov. 19—Midnight.—The Members of the Right also held a caucus to-day, at which 280 votes were cast. They resolved to oppose any formal proclamation of the Republic, abstain from combinations for the restoration of the monarchy, and adhere firmly to the pact of Bordeaux. At the same time they declared their willingness to grant M. Thiers the Presidency for life, if he will frankly take Conservative ground, constitute a responsible Ministry, and give up his right to participate in parliamentary debate.

A Cabinet council was held at Versailles to-night, but nothing was decided upon. The Cabinet meets again to-morrow morning.

There are rumors that the Ministers will resign, but the hope is entertained that the crisis will pass and leave affairs in *statu quo*.

The report is revived that the Right will propose a triumvirate should the President and Ministers resign.

The chaplain of the Church of St. Genevieve, of Paris, has retired from his office to join the ranks of the Old Catholics.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Nov. 19.—The King's health is improving.

During the session of the Lower Branch of the Cortes, yesterday, Senor Rico announced that the system of trial by jury, would be established in Spain before the 1st of December.

In the same body, a bill has been passed providing for a Government loan to the new mortgage bank.

In the Senate, Senor Riverio presented a number of petitions praying for the emancipation of all slaves held in the Spanish dominions.

At a Cabinet meeting was held yesterday, at which the present condition of Catalonia was under consideration.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Many policemen having expressed indignation at the suspension of eighty members of their force for insubordination, some 200 more were suspended to-day. The insubordination is spreading, and it is feared that further suspensions will be necessary, and excitement exists consequent on the unguarded condition of the streets. The Strand was without police at 11 o'clock this morning.

GERMANY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The Berlin Geographical Society has resolved to establish a permanent German Committee for the exploration of Central Africa, taking as a base the west coast from about five degrees north to six degrees south latitude, on the mouth of the Congo River. Other German geographical societies and the several German Governments are expected to co-operate by contributions.

ESCAPED THE HALTER.

Gregory Peri, the Murderer, Not to be Hung--The Governor Commutes His Sentence to Imprisonment for Life.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 19.—The following Executive order was filed with the Secretary of State to-day:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF ILLINOIS,
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 19, 1872.

In the matter of Gregory Peri, it appears from the papers submitted to me by the petitioners that Gregory Peri was tried at the April term, 1872, of the Criminal Court of Cook County, upon an indictment charging him with the murder of one Daniel O'Brien, on the 9th day of October, 1871. On the trial Peri was found guilty of murder, and sentenced to death. The record and proceedings of the Criminal Court in the case against Peri was brought before the Supreme Court, where the judgment was affirmed, and the sentence of death ordered to be executed on the 6th day of December, 1872. Now, a petition, which purports to be signed by 33[illegible] citizens, is laid before me, in which it is prayed that the sentence of death adjudged against Gregory Peri be commuted to imprisonment for his natural life, or some other term. The petitioners urge two considerations upon me, either of which they insist is of sufficient weight to entitle the case of Peri to favorable consideration. The first is that the trial of Peri, which caused the death of O'Brien, were probably influenced by the apprehension created in his mind by all the circumstances of the case, that they were necessary for his own personal safety from the meditated violence of other persons, including the persons who were killed by him, or that the conduct of O'Brien and others was of such alarming and provoking a character as to excite irresistible passion in Peri, which would, under the law, make his offence manslaughter, and not murder. I do not think it necessary to look into the papers to learn what were the facts laid before the jury, for if the trial was regular, the verdict is, so far as the conclusion that the Governor would have no right to reverse the finding upon the issue of the guilt or innocence of the accused, after the verdict. The presumption of the Executive Department is, that the accused is guilty. It is urged, in the second case, that the Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of the Criminal Court of Cook County, in the case of Peri, by a majority only, and I am furnished with the separate opinion of three of the Justices, from which it appears that, for reasons of great gravity, they dissent from the views of the majority of the Court, and that in their judgment for errors that they allege to be manifest, the judgment of the Criminal Court ought to be reversed. It is not proper for the Governor to express an opinion upon matters of law, in regard to which the Justices of the Supreme Court are not agreed, but it would, in my judgment, be improper for him to permit a party to be put to death under a judicial sentence, which three of the Justices of that Court believe, and have declared to be, contrary to the laws of the land. The sentence of death adjudged against Gregory Peri ought, therefore, to be commuted, and in considering the proper manner of punishment to be imposed upon him, it is my duty to look into the evidence. The facts proven show that he is guilty of an aggravated case of slaughter, and deserves, therefore, the greatest manner of punishment provided by law. The greatest punishment provided for the crime of manslaughter is confinement in the Penitentiary for the natural life of the offender, and the sentence of death adjudged against Gregory Peri, by the Criminal Court of Cook County, and by the order of the Supreme Court, is commuted to imprisonment in the Penitentiary for and during his natural life.

The Secretary of State will prepare the proper order.

The Carriage Builders.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—A convention of carriage builders was held to-day in this city. Representatives were present from nearly every State in the Union. Hon. Charles F. Kimball, of Portland, Me., was elected President. Among the list of Vice Presidents were John Curtis, of Cincinnati, and Enoch Keasby Fallon, of St. Louis. Mr. Kimball in his address, stated that one hundred millions were embarked in the trade and about seventy-six thousand operatives employed. After a permanent organization had been effected a resolution was adopted that the Executive Committee take into consideration the best means of adjusting the interests common to the employers and employes.

Railroad News.

CLINTON, Iowa, Nov. 19.—President Graves and other officers of the Chicago, Clinton & Dubuque Railroad, arrived in town last night in a special train, and are here to-day completing arrangements for the running of their trains to this city. Trains are expected to enter the city on Friday, with large delegations from Dubuque. Citizens of Clinton have arranged to give a jubilee reception and dinner to the officers of that road and their visitors on that day.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—In December it is expected that the railroad through the Indian Territory will be completed, and that through cars will be run from Chicago to Galveston, Texas. The completion of this road involves the rearrangement of the entire mail route system in the State of Texas, and a discontinuance of the great stage lines. Gentlemen are expected here shortly to consummate arrangements with the Government for the transportation of all the through Gulf mails by this route.

NEW YORK.

The Insurance Companies — Horse Railway Management—The Steamer Arizona — Dangerous Counterfeit Coupons—Important Detection of Smuggling—Confiscation of a Steamer—Raid on the Concert Saloons—Fire Precautions—Blood Held in $5,000 Bail—Communist Benevolence—Suit Decided.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The insurance companies of this city are still somewhat excited over the prospect of additional failures. Thus far, four companies have gone under, namely: Humbolds, International, Market, and Washington. The losses of the Washington Company were first reported at $60,000, but in reality were $250,000. The misstatement is claimed to be due to a telegraphic blunder. The public is fearful that other erroneous telegrams will come to light. The *Herald* reports that the Corn Exchange, Arctic, and Hoffman companies have not yet succeeded in securing the necessary funds from their stockholders. The Arctic, however, publishes a card to-night stating that their assessment has been promptly collected. The Washington probably will not pay more than one-third its losses. The insurance officials are thoroughly aroused on the subject of resisting all conspiracies to force solvent, though crippled, companies into the hands of Receivers, in order that Judges, lawyers, and Sheriffs' officers may plunder the treasury. Their fight against these legal wreckers will be made in common.

The *Tribune* and *Express* are advocating the permanent substitution of steam for horse-power on the street car lines, but the stockholders of the various companies are as indifferent to human discomfort as they are to the death struggles of their sick, overworked, and underfed animals. The rottenness of the City Railroad management has been coming to light freely during the last few days, in the testimony taken by Commissioners regarding the Second avenue line. The extensive evidence introduced on behalf of the city discloses the following remarkable facts: First, that when a corporation obtains a franchise for a city railroad its managers first learn what will be the entire cost of building and equipping it. The franchise is valued as a 7 per cent investment. They issue stock and bonds enough to cover the whole cost and estimated value of the franchise. Then, in order to save themselves from paying in money on the stock, and yet in law have it full paid stock, they agree with a contractor or contractors to build and completely equip the entire road, and take in payment therefor the whole of the stock and bonds. With this contractor an understanding is had that he shall retain only enough to cover the actual cost at a price previously agreed on, and deliver the remainder to a third person, who returns it to the incorporators for addition, division, and silence. Secondly, it was proved that on eight of the leading city railroads the cost of their tracks and equipment was less than $7,000,000. With gross annual earnings of $6,000,000, their annual profits were 7 per cent on $17,000,000, and they have issued $16,000,000 of stocks and bonds. Thus it appears their franchises are worth more than $10,000,000,—yet it was shown, thirdly, that these eight railroad companies, by some process only known to their officers and the Tax Commissioners, practically escape taxation on the whole of the $10,000,000 of property which they obtained from the city for nothing.

The Tombs received another murderer to-day in James C. King, who killed O'Neill in Pine street yesterday. The copious accounts of the King divorce suit and of the events that preceded the application for divorce are very contradictory. But many facts have come to light indicating O'Neil to be the seducer of King's wife, and public opinion is more divided to-day than yesterday. King first met O'Neill in the Erie Railway office, while arranging to move his household furniture to Turner's Station, on that road. He conceived a friendship for the handsome and obliging agent, and O'Neil became a constant visitor at his home at Turners. Mrs. King, who is a beautiful woman, is alleged to have fascinated O'Neill, and at last abruptly left her home at Turners Station to live with him and his wife in this city. Even if no criminal relations had existed between O'Neill and Mrs. King, his championship of her divorce suit has been peculiarly zealous and eager. The testimony as to King's cruel treatment of his wife is also very badly mixed. King admits that he once had a personal affray in San Francisco, but declines to give the particulars. His trial will be awaited with the keenest interest, as the degree of intimacy between the deceased and Mrs. King will then be revealed.

The *post mortem* on O'Neill's remains show that the ball pierced the lungs, heart, and liver, and lodged in the stomach. Ever since the estrangement of King and his wife, he has been boarding with his three children at the house of Welch Edwards, the actor, at 140 E. Seventeenth street. The children were entrusted to Mr. Edwards during the absence of King. This morning, about 8 o'clock, a close carriage drove up to Mr. Edwards' door, and Mrs. King, closely veiled, rang the bell. When Mr. Edwards appeared, she said, "I am Mrs. King, and I have called to take my children away. I have brought a carriage for that purpose." Mr. Edwards replied, "you will excuse me, Mrs. King, but the children have been entrusted to my care by your husband, and I must decline to give them up unless directed to do so by Mr. King, or by an order from the Superior Court."

Mrs. King interceded with Mr. Edwards to give her children, but without avail. Mrs. King entered the carriage and was driven away. Mr. Edwards afterwards related this circumstance to the prisoner, who begged that his children should not be removed from their present guardian. Mrs. King is reported to give way at intervals to paroxysms of grief over the death of O'Neill, speaking of him with extreme fondness of expression.

There has been a general clamor to-day for the speedy trial of the murderers in the Tombs. The count has been lost, but there are now either twenty-five or twenty-seven there awaiting legal action. Several of the number are cold-blooded assassins, like Scannell and Foster. Instead of the Tombs being cleared however, it received two recruits to-day in Rosenzeig and Dutch Heinrich, who are brought from the Penitentiary for new trials.

The raids on concert saloons continue in a retail way. The waiter-girls no longer appear in theatrical costumes, but proprietors open as usual, and intend to fight their cause through the Courts. The police seem incapable of descending on more than nine saloons in one night, which has a suspicious look. In the arrests now made, the waiter girls and the customers are permitted to go home, and the proprietors are released on $500 bail each. The vile concert saloons on Bowery have not been molested.

Miss Neilson, the newly-arrived English actress, has made a hit as Juliet at Booth's Theatre. She is pronounced an actress of rare power, and her remarkable beauty of person delights all the critics.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Nothing has yet been heard from the Pacific Mail steamship Arizona, fourteen days overdue. The company's officers profess confidence that she is struggling toward San Francisco under sail.

A discovery has been made that counterfeit coupons on the Union Pacific Railroad bonds are in circulation, and an investigation is making to ascertain if the bonds have been counterfeited. A broad street firm, deceived by the artistic excellence of the counterfeit coupons, paid them on presentation.

Lace shawls, valued at $10,000, belonging to Henry W. Ducker, and found in a Duane street auction house, were seized yesterday by the Government, on the ground that they were smuggled goods Ducker had been connected previously with smuggling.

A registered letter containing cut stones to the value of $31,000, was seized yesterday at the Post Office. Proceedings have been commenced in each case to secure the confiscation of the goods and the punishment of the smugglers.

The police last night made a descent on the Broadway concert saloons which were not pulled on Saturday night, and arrested the proprietors and inmates. A few others remain.

The Chamber of Commerce has appointed a Committee to take measures for the establishment of a Board of Engineers, with legal powers to take possession and blow up buildings during a general conflagration.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer to-day, Judge Brady set down the second day of the December term for the trial of Stokes, who shot Colonel Fisk. Judge Brady than denied the motion of counsel to compel the District Attorney to furnish to Tweed lists of the witnesses upon whose testimony each indictment was found against him.

The steamship Columbia, of the Havana line, has been confiscated by the United District Court on the charge of smuggling cigars.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer to-day, after considerable argument, Tweed's case was set down peremptorily for next Tuesday.

Justice Fowler has rendered a formal decision in the case of Colonel James H. Blood, on the charge of having published a false and scandalous libel on Luther G. Challis, saying the defendant has utterly failed to prove the truth of the charges in the obnoxious article, or of any one of them, and he orders that he be held in $5,000 bail.

A report was in circulation this afternoon, that a vessel with cholera on board had arrived in the lower bay. No particulars have been received, and the rumor has not been confirmed.

Immigrants arrived this week, 4,854; total for the past year, 272,209, against 205,627 the previous year.

About one hundred French Communists held a meeting last night, at which funds were subscribed for the widows and orphans of the Communists who fell in the late struggle in France. It was stated that these widows and orphans are suffering terribly at Paris and Belleville, from hunger and cold. The money subscribed, with the fund collected by a similar organization in Newark, will be forwarded promptly to the sufferers. It is proposed to hold a public meeting in the Cooper Institute next month, and ask Wendell Phillips to preside.

Judge Brady granted an order to-day, giving Tweed access to the vouchers upon which the indictments against him were found.

The Court of Appeals decided the long litigated case of Lamb & Eastman against the Camden & Amboy Railroad, for the value of 137 bales of cotton, burnt in the Company's warehouse, in favor of the plaintiff in the full amount, $414,236.

WALL STREET.

Review of the Money, Bond, Stock, Gold, and Produce Markets.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Advices from London continue favorable, securities of all classes being firm, and money easy. Money, in New York, continues stringent, with no immediate relief. The apparent decline in exchange has checked the outflow of gold, but the banks are still shipping currency to the South and West. Our city banks are poor, and unable to relieve the pressure.

In Boston, the insurance losses are being adjusted, and our insurance companies are calling in the money they have loaned on call. Money is scarce and dear in the interior, and it will probably be some little time yet before the return flow of currency sets in.

The effect of the Chicago and Boston fires is now being felt in the money market. The general dullness which now pervades financial and business circles is the result of increased caution exercised in new engagements. There is an increasing spirit of conservatism everywhere.

MONEY.

To-day money was stringent on call, and rates ranged from 7 per cent gold to ½ per diem, with a large proportion of the business at 1-16. Mercantile paper is quoted at 12 to 15 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

was heavy and lower. The demand is very limited, and the market is dragged down by the pressure of borrowed bills, as well as a fair supply of cotton and other commercial sterling.

GOLD

was heavy and lower; declined from 113⅝ to 113¼.

GOVERNMENTS.

Government bonds ruled dull and closed lower.

STOCKS.

The stock market was very dull with a slight decline, closing heavy. It is now understood that new consolidated mortgage of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company will be for $48,000,000 to take up, as they fall due, the $35,100,000 mortgages on the main line, leased roads, and branches, the proceeds of the remainder will be applied to defraying the cost of new roads built last year and to build, finish, and equip other roads. In this city $3,500,000 of the new bonds have been taken at 90. The bonds are to bear 7 per cent. This $3,500,000 will give the Company fundsuntil next spring, and another $3,500,000 will be marketed next year. The remainder of the $48,000,000 will be reserved to meet contingencies.

The severity of the law for the suppression of smuggling is illustrated by the condemnation and forfeiture of the Atlantic Mail Steamship Company's steamer Columbia. Two passengers on this vessel brought to this port several months ago a lot of cigars in their trunks, the contents of which neither the officers nor the owners of the steamer have any right to examine. For this misfortune of the Company the vessel has been confiscated by the United States District Court. The news of the confiscation caused a fall in Atlantic Mail stock to 10, the range having been 12@10.

The Pacific Mail Company still have hopes that the Arizona is safe, but the street are disposed to sell the stock, the fear being that the steamer is lost. Western Union stock is depressed by large sales, supposed to be, in part, at least, for account of the Company, which anticipates trouble with the Government on the reassembling of Congress. It is also given out that an opposition line is to be started, and that it has influential support in Congress.

Of the new postal telegraph scheme, the *Express'* money article says this evening: It will be revived, but in a shape somewhat different from that presented during the previous session. The new scheme will be a company with $20,000,000 capital, to construct an entire new line throughout the United States. It is stated that this company will offer to each of way from Congress, agreeing, in return, to connect all the Post Offices of the country by wires, transact all Government business at one-half the rates charged for private messages, and, finally, divide with the Post Office Department one-half the annual profits. The company will also ask from the Government accommodations and rent free in the different Post Offices. The projectors of this enterprise will claim for it the advantage of a postal telegraph without any expenditures by the Government. This scheme is now being matured, and is backed by a prominent New England member of the House of Representatives. It is reported in financial circles that it was originally intended to make the capital $10,000,000, but after consultation and deliberation, it has been decided to increase it to $20,000,000, in order to cover "contingencies."

PRODUCE.

There is a fair inquiry for choice Minnesota flour and good shipping extras. Medium winter and spring wheat extras are very heavy. No. 2 and superfine are steady and fairly active. At the close the market was fairly active and strong for low grades, but heavy for medium. Choice family steady and salable. The inquiry for wheat is fair, and the market is better, but unsettled. The much higher prices asked checks shipping inquiry. Millers are buying more freely. The market closes better, with a fair inquiry for good qualities of spring; winter held higher, but quiet; shippers are not free buyers at the close. Pork very quiet at about $15.37½ for mess, cash, and $15.00 seller November. Cut meats in small demand, for bellies. Sales of 80 boxes pickled bellies at 8½c, and about 8,000 lbs do at 8¾@8¼c. Bacon less active and unsteady at 8@8¼c for long clear on the spot.

Death on the Rail.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CARROLTON, O., Nov. 19.—This afternoon as a freight train a few miles north of this place on the Short Line Railway was running at a slow rate of speed, Patrick Shay attempted to get on the train, and was struck by the beam of the engine, knocking him down. He reeled under the cars, while the train passed over his breast cutting him in two pieces, his head and right arm on one side of the rail and the rest of his body on the other. He resided in Dayton, where the remains were taken in the caboose of the train.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 19.—This morning at Deputy, Ind., 38 miles from this city, the morning train from Cincinnati, on the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, consisting of the engine, baggage, and two passenger cars, stopped to take water, when a freight train ran into the rear, telescoping the two passenger coaches and almost demolishing them. Conductor Blackstone, of the passenger train, saw the freight coming, and warned the passengers, most of whom jumped out, but the women seemed paralyzed with fear. Mrs. S. K. Foote, wife of an insurance agent here, and her child are bruised and cut badly, but not dangerously. Mrs. McQuade, of Nashville, had her skull fractured and was badly bruised. She is not expected to recover. Mrs. Edwards, of this city, and child were badly injured. Physicians were at the depot, and prompt attention was paid to the wounded, who were brought in on the baggage-car. The wrecked cars caught fire from the stove, but the flames were extinguished by the train hands.

Late to-night Mrs. McQuade's position was not improved.

FIRES.

At Bloomington, Ill., Mount Vernon, Lebanon, St. Louis, Des Moines, and Elsewhere.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 19.—The fire last night and this morning at Mount Vernon, Ind., proves to have been comparatively insignificant. Five houses were burned and the loss in all is not over $13,000. The German Mutual, of Indiana loses $2,400. One other company, not ascertained, loses $1,600, and the Aurora Insurance Company, of Aurora, Ind., $1,500, being all the insurance. The sufferers are: Mrs. Hannah Smith, $1,500; John Baldwin, $2,800; Mutz & Younker, $4,000; E. M. Spencer, $1,600; J. B. Gardiner, about $3,000.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Nov. 19.—The brick building on the corner of East and Front streets, in this city, was destroyed by fire last evening. The fire broke out at half-past 5 o'clock. The building is one of historic memory, as in it was convened, in 1856, the first convention of what afterwards became the Republican party, of which Convention John M. Palmer was the Chairman. The building was occupied by Kirkpatrick's auction room, Bushnell's grocery, and the upholstering establishment of J. W. Morris & Co., in which the fire originated. The loss on the building and stocks is probably $150,000; insured in good companies for about the same amount.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The losses by the Brooklyn fire will not exceed half a million dollars, and that on grain not over $350,000.

Two firemen were injured, and Terrence Carrigan, a laborer, is missing.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 19.—The loss by the burning of the pork packing house of John J. Roe & Co., last night, is between $125,000 and $150,000. Insurance on the stock, $125,000; on the buildings $85,000, divided as follows:

Leech, L. & G.	$40,000	Lancashire	$15,000
North British	4,000	Home, N. Y.	10,000
Lorillard	5,000	United States	20,000
Marine, St. Louis	15,000	Home, St. Louis	10,000
Mound City	10,000	Royal	25,000
Imperial	25,000		

The large three-story ham house, containing 12,000 hams, on the south side of Convent street, was saved by the exertions of the firemen.

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DES MOINES, Nov. 19.—The residence of H. A. Swan, of Indianola, was destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock this morning. Mr. Swan and family were awakened by the light and smoke, and barely had time to escape in their night clothes. The house and furniture were completely destroyed. Loss $7,000; insurance $3,500.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 19.—A fire at Lebanon, Ind., to-day, destroyed four or five of the largest business houses in the town. Loss estimated at $40,000.

JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 19.—The edifice occupied as a Female Orphans' Home, in this city, was discovered to be on fire at an early hour this morning. By the timely discovery the fire was extinguished before doing much damage.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19.—Riebel & Lincoln's bedstead factory, on Brown street, near Fourth, was burned this afternoon. Loss, $25,000 to $30,000. The premises occupied by B. D. Kelly, sash and door manufacturers, were also burned, causing a loss of $10,000.

The Horse Disease.

OTTAWA, Ill., Nov. 19.—The all-absorbing topic in our city is the horse disease. Very few horses are escaping the disease, either here or in the surrounding country. I hear of only two deaths thus far. It affects our coal market more than anything else. Dealers have raised on that article 100 per cent within the last week, and it is still rising.

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 19.—The epizootic is still spreading here. The back stands are deserted, the street cars have stopped running, and business houses are substituting oxen as fast as they can be procured. A meeting of citizens was held to-night to take measures to organize volunteer fire companies, to act in cases of emergency, and the effective force of the department will be immediately increased by the addition of 100 paid men.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 19.—The horse disease has increased with much rapidity to-day. The horses of the Fire Department have been attacked, and a meeting of the citizens is now in progress to organize companies of men to take charge of the engines. The enrolment is progressing satisfactorily. There will be volunteers enough to man all the engines. All kinds of conveyances are in requisition to supply private citizens with coal and wood.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 19.—Stablemen here differ as to whether the epizootic has reached here, but about one hundred horses in different stables are suffering from a similar disease, though, as yet, it has not assumed a dangerous form. Some stables are closed in order to take proper care of their horses.

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MADISON, Wis., Nov. 19.—The epizootic has not begun to spread here yet. Reports from Janesville say it is very prevalent there. The livery stables and omnibus horses are laid up.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 19.—The epizootic is extending into the country back of Covington, Ky. The horses in the city are beginning to recover, and owners work them moderately.

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 19.—The epizootic is still spreading some in this city, but not so rapidly as a few days since. Can learn of no cases proving fatal. The street cars have ceased running entirely. Oxen are becoming more plenty on our streets.

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DENNISON, O., Nov. 19.—The horse disease has made its appearance here, and in Uhrichsville the livery stables are closed and many private stables affected.

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BELOIT, Wis., Nov. 19.—There are nearly thirty cases of horse disease here. New cases are reported daily, and some are very severe. No deaths as yet.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 19.—The epizootic is still spreading here and throughout the State generally. About every horse in this city is affected. The Mayor published a card this evening, stating that the Fire Department horses were attacked with the prevailing malady, and urging the citizens to form volunteer companies to render assistance in case of emergency. The streets are filled with ox-teams, now used in all branches of business. No omnibuses or street car lines have as yet resumed business. Very few hacks are on the streets.

From the New York Sun, Nov. 18.

The relapse of the horse disease has assumed a singular phase. Cabs and common stock either escape it, or are slightly attacked, while blooded horses are seriously afflicted.

Commodore Vanderbilt's horse Mountain Boy, who died on Friday last of the epizootic disease, was a bay gelding, fifteen hands high. He was foaled in 1860, sired by Mr. Robert Bonner's famous stallion Edward Everett, his dam being Joy, Gridley's Rosebuck, a son of Blackbird. He was bred in Orange County, by [illegible] Mr. Bingham, and was called the Bingham colt. When five years old he trotted and won a race over a heavy half-mile track, making a mile in 2:39. Soon afterward Commodore Vanderbilt purchased him of Mr. Bingham. His sire, Edward Everett, late Major Winfield), is a bay horse, foaled in 1835, got by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam by imported Mazegrave, granddam by Trumpeter. He was bred by A. Lilburn of Grange County, who sold him in 1869 to Mr. Bonner. This celebrated stallion is the sire of Joe Elliott, who trotted a mile in 2:15½; also, of Judge Fullerton, one of the very best trotting horses on the turf. Mountain Boy was a horse of wonderful speed. He trotted a half mile in 1:06, and has a record of 2:30@2:16. If he had had the right training when he first appeared on the turf he would have made a phenomenon. He trotted several races, and beat the queen of the turf, Lady Thorn, at Staten Island, Waverley, and Saratoga.

The famous trotting horse Dreadnaught, owned by Mr. Thomas Rogers, died in the early part of last week. He was 8 years old. Dreadnaught was 15¾ hands high, of a sorrel color, finely formed, and possessed of grand trotting action. He was trained for the turf by Aleck Patterson, and trotted a number of races. He was an improving horse, of great speed. He had a record of 2:27, and trotted two miles in 4:50 over Fleetwood. He was valued at $25,000.

Mr. Samuel Truesdell's gray trotting gelding Lottery died on Saturday morning, the 16th inst. He was sired by Hambletonian, dam by Norman Morgan. He was 9 years old last May. Lottery was 15 hands 3 inches high, of an iron-gray color, and of great trotting action. He was in the hands of honest Dan Miller, and began his trotting in the spring of 1871. He trotted a number of races that year, showing great endurance in all his contests. During last summer he trotted in all the principal purses for horses that had never beaten 2:25, and showed that he was an improving horse, giving promise of trotting down in the twenties. He had a record of 1:27, and was valued at $20,000. Lottery died of dropsy, which set in on Thursday, and he sank afterward very rapidly.

The celebrated trotter, Western New York, that has made his mile in 2:29, owned by Mr. Dennison, has succumbed to the epizootic. He died last week. Mr. Meserole's dun trotter G. L. Fox died on Saturday, 16th inst. There are also a number of other first-class trotters who are sick and in a precarious condition.

The two-year-old bay colt Cavour, by Tom Paterson out of Black Topsy, owned by Mr. J. C. Runkle, of Maine, died on Monday last from the prevailing horse epidemic. Cavour was entered in the *Spirit of the Times* stake of 1873.

The famous trotting mare Sontag died in West Millbury, Mass., on the 11th inst. Sontag was foaled in 1846, her sire being Harris' Hambletonian. In 1855 she beat Flora Temple in 2:37. In a two-mile race with Flora she won the first heat in 5:07.

BOSTON.

Fireman's Funeral—Relief Committee's Report—5,000 Persons Needing Relief—More Money Wanted.

BOSTON, Nov. 19.—The funeral of the late William Farrill, foreman of Hook and Ladder Company No. 4, who was killed at the great fire, took place to-day, from the First Universalist Church, Highlands. There was a large attendance, including the members of the City Government, delegations of firemen, and Odd Fellows, and friends of the deceased.

The Citizens' Relief Committee have made a report, in which they say: "The number of applicants for aid has been about 1,000, of which we think three-fourths are heads of families. In our judgment 5,000 persons are represented in these applications. To those who resided in the "burnt district," and who lost their houses, the Committee are furnishing such as have taken other quarters, with furniture, bedding, stoves, fuel, clothing, and groceries, the latter sufficient for immediate wants. To such heads of families as were employed in the district, and who resided elsewhere, groceries and fuel has been given, and in some cases, money to pay rent. There are many applications from unmarried men and women who lost their employments as well as their tools, by the fire, and were left without any means of support. The Committee have referred all such for employment to the committee appointed for this purpose, and in some cases where the necessity appears to be urgent, have given sufficient to pay a week's board, and have given orders for tools. The Committee find the number of mechanics and laboring classes, who suffered by the late fire, to be much larger than they expected, and at present there is an increase rather than a falling off in the number of applications. We estimate when the cases already in hand shall have been investigated and passed upon, the sum of $30,000 will have been expended. How much longer these applications will continue remains to be seen, but it is evident the losses have been much under-estimated in the department of labor, and it seems certain that very large calls will continue to be made for assistance, and means, larger than now appear available, will be required to enable the Committee to continue the work as it is now being done.

Kidder, Peabody & Co., have given $1,200 to the Police Relief Fund for the benefit of invalid officers and the families of those deceased who are in need.

The loss by the fire this morning on the State street block is $100,000.

CHIEF JUSTICE LAWRENCE.

From the Galesburg (Ill.) Republican.

"When we say that Chief Justice Lawrence has shown himself to be an audacious, arbitrary, and infamous tyrant, and a man whose ideas are totally at variance with the spirit of our free institutions, and a person in no wise to be intrusted with the power of an official of his present high position, we think we echo the sentiments of every solitary citizen of Illinois."—*Chicago Evening Journal.*

The above sentiment copied verbatim from the Chicago *Evening Journal* cannot fail to awaken a general feeling of indignation in Galesburg and throughout Illinois. The attack is made upon Chief Justice Lawrence on account of the action of the Supreme Court in fining the editor and proprietor of the *Journal* for contempt, on account of a most flagrant article which appeared in the *Journal*, accusing the Court of bribery in a case then pending. Not being disciples of Blackstone, we shall make no attempt to prove that the Supreme Court erred, as some editors are attempting to do, but we do say most emphatically that the above intemperate expression of the *Journal* is worthy of the condemnation of every right-minded citizen. Judge Lawrence acted as one member of a court consisting of seven of the ablest and most respected jurists in Illinois and in the West. Four members of the Court held one opinion and three another, and Judge Lawrence happened to agree with a majority of the Court, and, being Chief Justice, he was called upon to deliver the opinion, which was, in effect, that Charles L. Wilson, proprietor of the *Chicago Evening Journal*, should be fined $100 for contempt of Court. Joseph Medill and Wilbur Shuman, editor, be fined $200 for contempt of court. Now, if the court deserves censure, it is most unjust in the *Journal* to attribute the entire blame to Judge Lawrence, as he was only one of four judges who decided to fine Messrs. Wilson and Shuman. Judge Lawrence has been a citizen of this part of Illinois for many years, and there is no citizen who is more widely known. He was a practising lawyer for a long time at Quincy, where he took the highest rank in the profession. He removed to this city some ten years ago and is well known by all our citizens. He held the position of Judge of the Circuit Court of this district for several years, and in his official relations he has always well-known by most of the people of the district. It is not too much to say of Judge Lawrence that there is no man residing between the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers who is so thoroughly respected, and in whom the people repose so much confidence. As a lawyer he has no superior and few equals, and a more just Judge never sat upon the bench. So thoroughly had he the confidence of the people, that time and again differences have been left to him, and finally and satisfactorily settled, without the formality of a law suit, and in court a decision of Judge Lawrence's was always satisfactory to the people, as there was such perfect confidence in his integrity and wisdom. As a citizen, he enjoys the highest confidence of the people, and we do not hesitate to declare that there is no citizen of Illinois who has the esteem of his neighbors in so high a degree as Judge Lawrence. The highest virtue in the character of this most worthy man is his tender consideration of the feelings of others, and he is constantly careful to do nothing and to say nothing that can wound the most sensitive. As learned and great as he is, there is not a citizen of Galesburg who is less ostentatious, or who is more plain in his habits. He is as tender hearted as a child, and all the people of Galesburg believe that Judge Lawrence would rather lose his right arm than do an injustice to a living human being. Such is the man who is denounced by the Chicago *Evening Journal* as an "audacious, arbitrary, and infamous tyrant," because he agreed with three other Judges, one of whom lives in the same city where the *Journal* is published, and where its editor and proprietor reside. There were some persons here who had an idea that perhaps the Court had made a mistake in its decision against the editor and proprietor of the *Journal*, but this wanton and malicious attack upon Chief Justice Lawrence will go far to convince the public that the Court, if at all, erred upon the side of mercy.

Killed by His Mistress.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CIRCLEVILLE, O., Nov. 19.—The well-known Jesse Funk, of this place, was killed by his mistress, Alice Moore, at her residence, about 7 o'clock last evening. Funk was seen intoxicated in the afternoon, and had expressed his design to punish a young married man, who had also become enamoured, and was supplanting him in the girl's favor. Both men met at the girl's house soon after dark, and the young married man was quickly cleaned out and escaped. Funk then demolished everything he could lay his hands on, including the windows, not sparing the frail Alice. He then attempted to stick the bed into the fire, after which he went out of the gate, followed by the girl, where he was heard to say: "Alice, you have killed me," and fell dying. He died in a few minutes. The heart was found to have been penetrated to the depth of half an inch. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree against the girl.

Has Not Suspended.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 19.—The report in the New York papers that the Narragansett Insurance Company, of this city, had suspended is untrue. The entire losses of the company by the Boston fire cannot exceed $300,000. The company's assets are $700,000, and it will continue business with $300,000 capital.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Henry Bellmont, a Memphis foot-pad, was captured in Vicksburg a few days ago. He is now in Memphis in durance vile.

One hundred and thirty-two cargoes of wheat have been shipped to England from San Francisco since July last.

Wm. P. Ross has been elected Chief of the Cherokee Nation of Indians, in place of Lewis Downing, deceased.

The Kansas Bankers' Association is in session at Topeka, and has memorialized the Legislature for several important changes in the tax laws.

A complimentary dinner was given to General W. H. H. Terrill, Third Assistant Postmaster General, by his personal friends, in Indianapolis, yesterday afternoon.

Two thousand Jews are expected to shortly arrive in this country from Roumania. Their co-religionists in New York will make arrangements for their reception.

About 150 delegates to the National Baptist Sabbath-School Convention arrived in Cincinnati last night. The Convention meets to-morrow. They represent various parts of the United States.

W. B. Greenlaw obtained judgment in the Federal Court of Little Rock, Ark., yesterday, against the Memphis & Little Rock Railroad Company for about $150,000, being for work done on the road.

School Superintendent Fallows gives notice of a Convention of County Superintendents, School Principals, and other educational men, to be held in Madison, Wis., on the 26th, 27th, and 28th of December.

Despatches from the end of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, on the western line of the State, say that the buffaloes are so thick that the trains cannot be run with safety. They roam along the tracks in hundreds of thousands, making their way South.

Dowaling, conductor of the freight train which collided with a passenger train at Pittsford